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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND

HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1926,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

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HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

1795-1926

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 4, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening:

PRESENT:

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, ... *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, . . *M. E. Grand King.*
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, ... *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ... *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

"	GEORGE B. WELLS, ...	*M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	
"	JOHN M. CORE, ...	
"	ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, .	*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
"	ROBERT G. SMITH, ...	
"	ALFRED C. MARPLE, ...	
"	WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., .	
"	J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, . .	
"	JOHN H. BENNETT, ...	
"	CHARLES R. ROBERTS, . . .	
"	CHARLES H. TILTON, ...	
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	
"	GUSTAV A. MUELHOF, . . .	
"	ROY C. STORMER, ...	

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Comp. JAMES H. REEDER, ... } *District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
" JOHN P. ANDERSON, ...
" FREDERICK J. WANDALL, .
" RUSSELL RUDOLPH, ...
" GEORGE W. RODGERS, ...
" JAMES W. MYERS, ...
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, ...
" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, .
" PETER BARKEY, ...
" HARVEY F. PEIFLY, ...

" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" GEORGE W. WELLBURN, . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" JOHN W. BRANDON, . . as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
" IRVIN BRANDEIS, ... as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" ELMER C. WATT, ... *Grand Master of Third Vail.*
" BENJAMIN BISWANGER, as *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
" WILLIAM B. KROPP, ... *Grand Master of First Vail.*
" ROBERT D. COLE, ... as *Grand Marshal.*
" LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" WALTER M. CARWITHEN, . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, ... *Grand Tyler.*

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" WESLEY R. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" HOWARD M. BROWN, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Comp. JOHN H. BENNETT, of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" LOUIS M. WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOHN P. ANDERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" JAMES H. REEDER, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" PETER BARKEY, of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 164, 165, 167, 169, 171, 174, 175, 178, 179, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 193, 195, 196, 198, 199, 200, 201, 203, 204, 208, 209, 216, 220, 221, 222, 226, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 238, 240, 241, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 264, 268, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 277, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 290, 295, 297, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 310. (84 Chapters, 220 members, 38 visitors.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication, held on Monday, December 28, 1925, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 162, 180, 228, 248, 270 and 297 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 4, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from November 21, 1925, to February 19, 1926, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges		$33,780 45	
" Certificates		6 00	
" Constitution		1 00	
" Dispensations		15 00	
" Interest on Investments		1,800 14	
" Ledger Sheets		14 00	
		$35,616 59	
To which add balance, November 20, 1925		9,885 09	
			$45,501 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	$80 96	
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,000 00	
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	1,223 89	
" " P. G. H. P. & other Grand Officers	342 84	
" " Instruction in the Work	647 24	
" Investments	15,000 00	
" Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	445 87	
" Salaries	2,300 00	
" Telephone Services	33 16	
Other Expenses:		
" Organist's Salary $70 00		
" Assisting Tyler 5 00		
" Bonding Officers 131 25		

For Auditing	40 00	
" Auto Hire	17 00	
" Flowers	25 00	
		288 25
		$22,362 21
To which add balance, February 19, 1926		23,139 47
		$45,501 68

Fraternally submitted,

E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee."

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 4, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 162, 180, 228, 248, 270 and 297 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,
Committee."

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 4, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids were asked for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1925, and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Julian B. Slevin Co., Inc.

The Committee is pleased to report that due to the promptness on the part of the office of the Grand Secretary in furnishing copy to the Committee, we are able to report the completion of the work and to advise that distribution was begun on February 26.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
Committee."

The Grand Secretary presented his report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges for the year ended December 27, 1925, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 4, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges for the year ended December 27, 1925:

CHAPTERS.

Membership December 27, 1924, as per last report.....		59,117
Admitted during the year	80	
Restored during the year	99	
Marked during the year	2,160	
		2,339
		61,456

Died during the year	905	
Resigned during the year	204	
Suspended during the year	568	
Expelled during the year	1	
		1,678
Membership December 27, 1925		59,778
A net gain of	661	
Rejected	46	
Restored to Good Masonic Standing	34	

MARK LODGES.

Membership December 27, 1924		154
Admitted during the year		8
		162
Died during the year	5	
Suspended during the year	1	
		6
Membership December 27, 1925		156
Number of Chapters		152
Number of Mark Lodges		2

90 Chapters showed a gain in membership.
50 Chapters showed a loss in membership.
12 Chapters showed neither gain or loss.
7 Chapters in which no degrees were conferred.
11 Chapters show a membership of 1,000 or over.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH E. QUINBY,
Grand Secretary."

The Grand Secretary reported that all General Returns from Chapters and Mark Lodges, all Reports of Auditing Committees and all dues and fees for 1925 excepting two were received.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Crafton, Pennsylvania, praying for a Warrant to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to be known as Crafton Royal Arch Chapter, No. .....

It was on motion,

Resolved, that the petition be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, announced the death of Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, on Friday, January 15, 1926, and requested Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, to read an "In Memoriam."

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

'They're passing away those dear old friends,
Like a leaf on the current cast,
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past.'

We are now called upon to mourn the going of another distinguished Companion who has just obeyed the summons to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death. As he lived, so he died, sustained and comforted by an unfaltering trust in God. It was in the early morning of Friday, January 15, 1926, that our friend and Companion, Past Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, passed through the white vail into the sanctuary above, there to meet Heaven's Grand High Priest. Faithfully and well he labored in life's quarries, that his work might be plumb, level and square, and thus merit the approval of the Master Overseer. And certain it is that no fear took hold of him at the passing, for he approached his grave not like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but, knowing that his face was set toward the dawning of the eternal day, he was calm in the assurance that when the earthly house of his tabernacle is dissolved, there is a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. For such as he was there is no death. As he visioned the future he could say with confidence:

'My body is my house—it is not I.
Herein I sojourn until in some far sky
I lease a fairer dwelling that shall last
When all the carpentry of time is past,
There from my high place viewing this lone star,
What shall I care where these poor timbers are;
What though these crumbling walls turn dust and loam
I shall have left them for a larger home.'

Companion SMITH had a three-fold devotion, the Public School, the Church and Free Masonry, and to each of these institutions he gave himself unreservedly. His was no half-hearted service. His associates in the educational world can attest the devotion with which he gave himself to the work of the Public School, his co-laborers in the Church can bear witness that he was never found wanting in his service to the Church, and his Brethren in Free Masonry know the fidelity and the diligence with which he labored for the best interests of the Fraternity.

Companion SMITH was born in Cochranville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1853. Twenty-three years later, in 1876, he was graduated from Millersville State Normal School, having previously attended the public schools of West Fallowfield Township and two private schools, one known as Hebron Hall and the other a private school held in his father's house and locally known as 'Smithsonian Institution.' After having held various teaching positions he was elected to the following supervisory positions in Pennsylvania Public Schools—Principal, Lansford, 1879; Media, 1881; Lower Chichester, 1885. In 1887 he was elected Superintendent of Schools for Delaware County, to which position he was re-elected for successive terms until the regulations of the State Retirement Board caused his retirement July 1, 1924. The public school positions in which Companion SMITH labored so faithfully and well provided him a means of livelihood, but these positions meant to him much more than that. His various places in the educational work were to him a sacred trust. He followed his profession out of ardent love for his calling and a sincere desire to serve the best interests of the Public School. He was faithful in his attendance at all educational gatherings, local, State and national, and was always desirous of obtaining broader knowledge in order that he might be more efficient as a teacher and an administrator. In July, 1895, he was unanimously elected President of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which position he filled with honor and distinction. His retirement by the State Retirement Board, in 1924, left Delaware County without a County

Superintendent, owing to a disputed interpretation of the law governing such matters. In this emergency he proved his devotion to his profession by visiting the schools of the county, giving the benefit of his long experience and otherwise assisting in the duties of the office, all of which service he rendered without compensation over a period of two years, until he was stricken and laid aside from active participation in the world's work.

No one ever questioned the depth or the sincerity of Companion SMITH'S religious convictions. In early life he became a member of Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church, later transferring his membership to the Media Presbyterian Church. He was not satisfied with mere membership in the Church, as the story of his church work eloquently testifies. For thirty-nine years he was an Elder, for nearly as many years he was Clerk of the Congregation and for a goodly number of years a faithful and efficient Superintendent of the Sabbath School. Those who were most closely associated with him in his work found him a faithful friend, a wise counsellor, with clear convictions of duty.

Religion was to him no mere formality. It was a living thing, vitalizing all his thoughts and words and actions. God was to him no mere shadowy unreal impersonal force, but a real person, reaching into and touching his life for good. Prayer was to him a means of uplift, and his intimate friends know the regularity with which he made his way into the Holy of Holies, where he laid before God the aspirations of his heart and life. The eternal world was to him no new experience when he entered it through the gateway of death, for he had ever lived with eternity full in view. His experience in religious things might well we summarized in the words of him who said:

'I know not the way I am going,
  But well do I know my Guide.
With a child-like trust I give my hand
  To the Living Friend by my side.
And the only thing I say to Him
  As He takes it, is "Hold it Fast,"
Suffer me not to lose my way,
  But bring me home at last.'

It is eminently fitting and proper that some mention should be made here of our deceased Companion's intense devotion to that inestimable book which is at one and the same time the Great Light of Free Masonry, and the richest inheritance of the Church. He had been brought up to love the old book, and that love remained with him

to the end. It is worthy to note that his last public appearance was in the Church he loved, when he gave his report as a delegate from the Chester Presbytery to the General Assembly, which met in Columbus, Ohio, May 21-27, 1925. In that Assembly, as revealed in his report, he stood loyally for the truth as revealed in the word of God. He would not suffer anyone to lay innovating hands on that record as given to us in the sacred scriptures.

The following lines of the Sacred Hymn writer fittingly describe his notion of that inestimable gift of God to man:

'How precious is the book Divine
By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to Heaven.
This lamp through all the tedious night
Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.'

Companion SMITH entered the portals of Free Masonry on February 27, 1882. His was a long and honorable service in the various Masonic Bodies.

He was Worshipful Master of George W. Bartram Lodge, No. 298, in 1893, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master, 1913, and held this office until the time of his death. His visits to the various Masonic Lodges as District Deputy will be long remembered, not only because he was proficient in the work, but because he had a conception of the purpose of Free Masonry which went beyond the mere recitation of the Ritual, however grand and noble that might be in its diction and rendition. For him Free Masonry had a deeper meaning, and his advice as to the principles and purpose of Free Masonry was ever sound and wholesome.

He was Most Excellent High Priest of Media Royal Arch Chapter, No. 234, in 1887, served as most Excellent Grand Scribe, 1907 and 1908; Most Excellent Grand King, 1909 and 1910; Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 1911 and 1912. In all of these positions he performed the duties devolving upon him with dignity and grace. There have been many distinguished Companions who have occupied the exalted and responsible station of Grand High Priest, but none have filled that station more acceptably than our deceased Companion. He served as a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Chairman of the Committee on Finance from 1913 until the time of his death.

He served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Philadelphia Council, No. 11, Royal and Select Masters, in 1896, and Most Puissant Grand Master in 1902.

He was Eminent Commander of St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, Knights Templar, in 1898.

In the Scottish Rite he served as Thrice Potent Master of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Sovereign Prince of De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Commander in Chief of Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, and in the Supreme Council was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° Honorary, September 20, 1904.

The various activities in which Companion SMITH was engaged drew very heavily on his time. Very little was left for the pleasures and the recreations that appeal to many of us.

While he was ever mindful of his duties to the Public School, the Church and Free Masonry, he was not unmindful that his first duty was his home. There as a father and husband he was kind, generous and loved to give to those who had claims upon him gladly and bountifully the good things he was able to acquire. Surviving him are his widow and two sons.

Our friend of other days has left us. The places that knew him shall know his visible presence no more, but while memory lasts the fragrance of his personality and character shall ever remain in our hearts and in this place where we are met together.

'They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above.
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.' "

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

R. E. Companion HENRY MARTIN PARCHEN, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Montana, died October 6, 1925.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK LOUIS SHAFFNER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, died December 9, 1925.

M. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, died December 12, 1925.

M. E. Companion JAMES WASHINGTON TAYLOR, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, died December 15, 1925.

M. E. Companion CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, died January 5, 1926.

M. E. Companion GEORGE W. CURTISS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died February 5, 1926.

M. E. Companion ARTHUR E. WOOD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died February 8, 1926.

Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by the Instructors of the Capitular Schools of Instruction, Companion HARRY L. HORST, as Most Excellent High Priest.

Grand Chapter was "called on."

Grand Chapter closed in peace at ten o'clock fifteen minutes, P. M.

Joseph E. Quinby
Grand Secretary.

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On Thursday, March 4, 1926, commencing at two o'clock in the afternoon, by direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened, when the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the Instructors of the Capitular Schools of Instruction, Brother WILLIAM MEYER, as Worshipful Master.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons opened, when the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by the Instructors of the Capitular Schools of Instruction, Brother JOHN BELL, JR., as Most Excellent Master.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons closed.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

CRAFTON, PENNSYLVANIA
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

A Special Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this day, at the Masonic Hall, Crafton, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

PRESENT:

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, ... *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, . . *M. E. Grand King.*
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, ... *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ... *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
" JAMES W. MYERS, ... } *District Deputy Grand*
" GEORGE W. RODGERS, ... } *High Priests.*
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, ... } *High Priests.*
" JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, . . . } *High Priests.*
" JAMES M. GRAY, ... as *Grand Chaplain.*
" JOHN H. MULVEY, ... as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
" JESSE I. PENNEY, ... as *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
" DENNIS A. REESER, . . . as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" JOHN BELL, JR., ... as *Grand Master of Third Vail.*
" RALPH C. MINEHART, . . . *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
" WILLARD A. LANING, . . as *Grand Master of First Vail.*
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, . . *Grand Marshal.*
" NATHAN B. WAGNER, . as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" HOWARD W. ELVERSON, as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" JOHN W. BRANDON, . . as *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, ... *Grand Tyler.*

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—52, 150, 162, 175, 193, 208, 234, 243, 257, 263, 268, 280, 282, 283, 285, 286, 294, 297, 300, 303, 305 and 311, of Pennsylvania, and No. 10, of Indiana. (274 Companions present.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at three o'clock seven minutes P. M.

The Most Excellent Grand King, addressing the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, then presented the Companions who had applied for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for the purpose of having a Chapter constituted and its officers installed in *Due* and *Ancient Form.*

By direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest the Most Excellent Grand Secretary then read the Warrant for the constitution of

CRAFTON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 312.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest constituted Companions:

AIKEN, FRED A.
ALLOTT, WILLIAM T.
ASHWORTH, WILLIAM
ASTON, FREDERICK C.
ASTON, JAMES T.
AUKERMAN, JOHN W.
BAILEY, HARRY CHANTLER
BAILEY, HERBERT W.
BAKER, LOUIS F.
BARTH, WILBERT H.
BEATTY, PERCY D.
BIGGARD, WILLIAM J.
BLAIR, JOHN REID
BLAIR, WILLIAM A.
BORCHERS, CARL C.
BREAM, ANDREW ADDISON
BRICELAND, JAMES MOORE
BROSIUS, WILLIAM E.
BROWN, GEORGE E.
BROWN, JOHN L.
BRYANT, JESSE H.
BURCHINAL, HERBERT C.
CALDWELL, WILLIAM A.
CAMPBELL, ROBERT F.
CARLISLE, GEORGE W.
CHAPMAN, WILLIAM B.
CHRISTY, DAVID P.
COULTER, FRANK C.
COULTER, WILLIAM J.
CRAIG, EARL DAYTON
CRAMER, JESS H.
CRENNELL, GRANT HARRISON
CROWTHER, ERNEST
DAVIS, ELDEN B.
DEER, JEREMIAH W.
DEER, LEWIS H.
DOWNING, GEORGE R.
DUFF, SAMUEL B.
DUNN, JAMES E.
DYGERT, HAROLD BUTTLE
EAKIN, MILTON J.
ECKERT, JOHN H.
ECKERT, LAWRENCE RANDOLPH
ECKERT, WILLIAM H.
ECKLES, JOHN EDWARD
EDMUNDS, BAZIE VIVIAN
EDMUNDS, THOMAS H.
ELLIOTT, WILLIAM O. H.
ENGLISH, LLOYD CHESTER
EMBREE, JAMES P.
ERVIN, FRANK E.
FAULL, JAMES G. McK.
FELIX, DANIEL T.
FERRALL, GEORGE K.
FIDELMAN, ARTHUR W.
FISHER, SAMUEL H.

Flanigan, W. Dwight
Garbart, J. Wilson
Garbart, John G.
Gensheimer, John S.
Gibson, Walter Gordon
Golden, Charles E.
Gordon, Gilbert M.
Graham, Albert
Graham, Charles O.
Graham, Ralph E.
Guibert, Oscar E.
Hall, Frank Washington, Jr.
Halleck, William A.
Hancock, Wesley Victor
Harper, Samuel A.
Held, Albert C.
Hendershot, Fred C.
Hendrix, Walter W.
Henry, Eugene A.
Henthorne, Charles B., Jr.
Herman, Carl R.
Hershberger, Harry S.
Hershberger, Joseph Herbert
Hiester, Arthur J.
Hodge, James
Hoge, George Ira
Hoge, Guy B.
Hutson, L. Eddy
Jackson, John R.
Jeffcoat, Edward B.
Jeffers, Howard W.
Johnson, Edward U.
Jonas, David T.
Kell, Maynard
Kelley, Daniel B.
Killeen, Thomas D.
Kiser, Alexander B.
Kohn, Roy E.
Korns, Charles H.
Kramer, George, Jr.
Landgraf, Frederick K.
Lauderbaugh, Harve B.
Leeke, Norman B.
Leinenweber, Frederick W.
Lerch, Orville V.
Lerch, Quay
Lindley, Rex H.
Logan, Samuel T.
Loos, Walter G.
Lowery, George W.
Lynch, Edmund
Lynch, Robert W.
McClatchey, John Crockar
McGrew, Carl A.
McCullough, Raymond
McCune, Charles B.
MacGregor, Roy A.
Matthews, George Robert
Mechling, J. Clinton
Mercer, Charles E.
Millard, Howard E.
Miller, Errol B.
Miller, John L. R.
Morey, Edward
Moser, George B.
Murphy, Coleman
Myers, James W.
Nichols, Fay Ira
Ochsenhirt, John S.
Ohl, Lucius Wallace
Orme, John L.
Orr, Charles A.
Osborne, George T.
Pannabaker, Joseph Albert
Patton, Harry E.
Payne, Ernest
Peightel, Howard M.
Pollock, John
Pollock, William L.
Powelson, Frank W.
Pratt, Thomas W.
Price, Gwilym A.
Price, Robert J.
Pyle, Robert H.
Raum, George J., Jr.
Raum, William C.

Reed, Israel B.
Rex, David F.
Rex, Frank C.
Rex, John S.
Rex, Samuel Miller
Ridgway, James F.
Riggs, Rexford R.
Robb, Andrew D.
Robb, Andrew Donaldson, Jr.
Roberts, Frank F.
Russell, John M.
Ryall, Thomas M.
Salisbury, Joseph E.
Schauweker, William C.
Schlegel, Charles
Scott, Harry B.
Scott, William C.
Sheppard, William A.
Simpson, Harry B.
Simpson, James
Smith, Harry L.
Stone, Levi G.
Storch, Karl D.
Strasler, Frank A.
Taylor, David S.
Tucker, Thomas H.
Tutein, J. Frank
Tygard, Arthur Frederick
Urquhart, Hugh
Von Hofen, Earl W.
Waggett, John A.
Wahn, Charles A.
Walker, Harry McC.
Wallace, Hugh Stanley
Wallace, William C.
Wallace, William M.
Watt, William G.
Welch, Harry J.
Westcott, John E.
Whaley, Wilson Ross Foster
Whitman, Paul Seibert
Williams, Charles P.
Wright, John E.
Wright, Robert W.
Yanda, Rudolph Louis
Young, George A.
Zercher, Frederick C.

into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

All but Past High Priests who have received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion George E. Brown was duly installed Most Excellent High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when Companion John L. Brown was duly installed King; Companion Thomas E. Edmunds, Scribe; Companion George T. Osborne, Treasurer, and Companion David S. Taylor, Secretary, in *Ancient Form.*

By direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Grand Marshal then made proclamation that

CRAFTON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, NO. 312.

was duly constituted and its officers regularly installed.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at five o'clock forty minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quinby

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 3, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE P. DARROW, ...	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, ...	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	EDGAR A. TENNIS, ...	*M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, ...	
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	
"	JOHN M. CORE, ...	
"	ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, .	*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
"	ROBERT G. SMITH, ...	
"	WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., .	
"	CHARLES R. ROBERTS, . . .	
"	CHARLES H. TILTON, ...	
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	
"	GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, . .	
"	ROY C. STORMER, ...	
"	JAMES W. MYERS, ...	
"	EDMUND W. BOOTS, ...	
"	JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, . . .	
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	GEORGE W. WELLBURN, . . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	FREDERICK P. GLASSER, .	as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	IRVIN BRANDEIS, ...	as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT, ...	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*

Comp. GEORGE W. KURTZ, . . as *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
" WILLIAM B. KROPP, ... *Grand Master of First Vail.*
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, . . *Grand Marshal.*
" LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" WALTER M. CARWITHEN, . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, ... *Grand Tyler.*

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS. of the Grand Chapter District of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" HOWARD M. BROWN, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
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" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 167, 169, 175, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 195, 196, 201, 203, 208, 216, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 264, 270, 282, 283, 284, 297, 307, 308 and 312. (47 Chapters, 89 members. Visitors—Five from Pennsylvania, 1 from California and 1 from Alberta.)

M. E. Companion CHARLES H. KING, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, and R. E. Companion MARK B. PEACOCK, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, honored Grand Chapter with their presence.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 4, 1926, and Special Communication held on Saturday, April 3, 1926, were read and separately approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 215, 233 and 242, and proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 91, 217, 251, 257, 262, 286, 288 and 302 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 3, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from February 20, 1926, to May 20, 1926, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From	Chapters and Mark Lodges	$491 00
"	Certificates	2 00
"	Constitution	1 00
"	Dispensation	5 00
"	Warrant for New Chapter	200 00
"	Sale of Ledger Sheets	12 00
"	Interest on Investments	1,959 25
		$2,670 25

To which add balance, February 19, 1926		23,139 47
		$25,809 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity		$30 00
" Clothing and Furniture		9 00
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest		1,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests		534 55
" " P. G. H. P. & other Grand Officers		608 45
" " Instruction in the Work		1,323 64
" Printing, Postage and Stationery		430 70
" Salaries		2,300 00
" Telephone Services		27 16
" Binding Reports	$26 75	
" Assisting Tyler	5 00	
" Flowers	25 00	
" Typewriter	112 50	
" Rent Safe Deposit Box	10 00	
" Printing Proceedings	1,144 13	
" Auditing	50 00	
" Repairs to Typewriter	1 00	
" Office Supplies	286 11	
		1,660 49
		$7,923 99
To which add balance, May 20, 1926		17,885 73
		$25,809 72

Fraternally submitted,

E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee."

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 3, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 215, 233 and 242 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 91, 217, 251, 257, 262, 286 and 288 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 302 be not approved, as it is not in accordance with Article XII, Section 29, of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, as shown in Article IX, Section 2, of approved Form of By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,

Committee."

A communication was read from Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 257, requesting Grand Chapter to grant them permission to receive and act upon a fourth petition for degrees and membership from Brother rejected on third petition September 17, 1917, when on motion it was

Resolved, that the request of said Chapter be granted.

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest, announced the death of Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1926, and requested Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, to deliver an "In Memoriam."

Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

'God made man an earthly habitation,
The body soil in which the soul might grow.
This little life is but the preparation
The soul must know.
And then some day man's errors overcome him,
The body fails, the soul is wise,
And then the God that takes one small world from him
Gives him the skies.'

And thus the subject of this sketch, in obedience to that call which awaits us all, suddenly said farewell. He was not old at seventy-seven, because he kept ahead of the procession. Old age is not a matter of years, it is a matter of vision. When the eyes of faith grow dim we are growing old; when we lose the sense of mystery and wonder we are growing old; when we become cynical about life and human nature we are growing old, but our Companion was young; he had not lost his vision of a better day. Young men dream dreams, but old men see visions, which is the more important part in human progress. Speak no ill of the dead. If you cannot truly eulogize their memories let oblivion cover their history and the weakness of human nature extenuate their faults. This is one of the unwritten laws which should and generally does govern mankind. Happily no apology need be offered, no glossing over years of wasted life need be attempted for the Companion whose sudden withdrawal from earthly activities we mourn. His was a useful, helpful, companionable and honorable existence, and we think of him as a warrior whose work was done going home for his deserved reward. Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE was in good health and pursuing his usual avocation until the evening of March 6, this year, the seventy-seventh anniversary of his birth, when, without notice of life's ebbing, a notable Masonic record of more than half a century was interrupted by the Master's call to claim the promise given to all faithful Craftsmen:

'This promise stars and sun and trees reveal,
And the bright waters in the summer sun;
It is a pledge we rather seem to feel
Than hear full spoken, when this life is done.
The soul remembers what the flesh may miss—
That God has planned a richer life than this.'

The duty assigned me to speak of the dead would not be fully performed were I not to speak also to the living, for, while death seems rather a gloomy subject, yet for us I do not want it to be

gloomy. There is something sorrowful about it—there is something sorrowful about emigration. When a youth is starting for a distant country he may not be sad, but his relatives are, and yet they may have hope that it will be the beginning of a bright, useful and prosperous career. It is in the nature of an adventure; it is not by any means all gloom, there is the pathos of parting, but there is hope and joy also. Life and death are both mysteries. Life hopes and loves through a physical frame called the body; it is not a thing that peters out and stops; death does not end all; we shall still have bodies, still have forms that can be recognized; the link of affection is not broken; love bridges the chasm and restores the sense of communion across the gulf of death. Our present entrance upon this planet is but an episode, a temporary adventure to be followed by higher and further adventures; let us therefore greet the unseen with a cheer, remembering that our golden days lie not behind us, for we look for a greater glory in the future.

'Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath,
And stars to set; but all—
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O death.'

The striking truthfulness of this fact impresses us when we recall that within two short years Capitular Masonry in our Jurisdiction has been called to mourn the passing of five Past Grand High Priests, thus reducing the living rank to seven, the lowest number in a century of our history, the last to answer the inevitable summons being the special subject of this sketch, whose sudden ending of earthly activity was a shock to all of us, he having been in the enjoyment of usual good health and at the moment the evening guest of his granddaughter at her home in East End, Pittsburgh. It is notable that most of our Grand Officers are thus suddenly called. It emphasizes the wisdom of preparedness, and reminds us anew that time's flight is stayed neither by joy or sorrow. Death steps in unsparing Infancy with its feeble, helpless cry; Youth with its shouts of joy and triumph; Manhood with its bright hopes and proud ambitions, nor Age with its bended knee and tottering step, for alike they fall beneath the scythe of the remorseless mower.

In compliance with a venerable custom, and in obedience to the promptings of our hearts, we do honor to the memory of a Companion who had impressed his personal worth upon his Masonic Brethren in particular and upon his fellow men in general, and it is fitting, when one has occupied important and responsible stations in our Jurisdiction and is removed to higher duties and rewards, that we spread upon our records more than a passing notice of his life work,

its sunshine and its shadows, its success and its failures, as a perpetual testimony to attest the esteem and regard in which the faithful and accomplished Brother was held. This I do with the earnestness of sincere regard for the subject of this sketch, inspired by years of happy acquaintance and close friendship. It is difficult to realize that he is dead, yet to be human is to be mortal; it is as natural to die as to be born. Heaven's statute law 'it is appointed unto man once to die' makes all equal at last, everywhere and at all times, from the cradle to the grave. Live as we may, go where we will, the very air breathes lessons of mortality.

'And since we met one year ago
We find some links have broken;
That some, then with us here below,
Their last farewells have spoken.'

Companion KLINE was born March 6, 1849, at Harleton, Union County, Pa., and early in life exhibited a lively interest in his country's cause, enlisting in the 184th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, at the age of fifteen, and served through those troublesome days until honorably discharged, yet, until the close of his life, retained his interest and love for the veterans at whose side he fought. In business he devoted himself to insurance, and for years held a responsible position in Pittsburgh as special agent for his company, and at whose office I conversed with him a few days prior to his death, discussing the recent doings of this Grand Body and other matters of Masonic interest. A happy home life was broken eight years ago by the death of a devoted wife and mother, surviving whom are two daughters and four grandchildren, two of the latter being twin sons, just twenty-one years of age, and living with their mother, Mrs. Mary K. Weir, at 120 Ruskin Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Our Companion was devoted to the surviving members of his family, and always happy in the presence of his grandchildren, for whom he had an unusual affection, and which was fully reciprocated by them.

In religious affiliations he was a firm believer in Christian Science, and at all times practiced the teachings of the Golden Rule and the highest ideals of the Fraternity he loved and served.

In politics a staunch Republican, but never attained to positions of prominence in the party of his choice. His Masonic record from Blue Lodge to the Supreme Council, 33°, is one of brilliant succession, notable for services conscientiously performed and for constancy and ability seldom surpassed. We give here his record in detail, since it exhibits his faith through his works and years of devotion to a cause close to his heart:

Bedford Lodge, No. 320.

Initiated .....April 5, 1871
Crafted .....May 3, 1871
Raised .....May 31, 1871
Senior Warden 1873
Worshipful Master 1875
Secretary .....1876 to 1879

Grand Lodge.

Trustee of the Title of Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge from 1903 to the time of his death.

Capitular Masonry

Standing Stone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 201.

Marked .....March 19, 1875
Most Excellent .....March 19, 1875
Royal Arch .....July 6, 1875
Resigned .....June 6, 1876

Bedford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 255.

Admitted as Warrant Member.....September 28, 1876
M. E. High Priest 1878
Secretary 1879

Grand Chapter

M. E. Grand Scribe 1899-1900
M. E. Grand King 1901-1902
M. E. Grand High Priest 1903-1904
Representative of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
Committee on Jurisprudence.....1905 to time of death
Chairman of Committees on Appeals, 1920 to time of death

Cryptic Masonry

Mountain Council, No. 9, Royal and Select Masters.

Received the degrees .....November 9, 1882

Knights Templar

Trinity Commandery, No. 58.

Received Order of Red Cross .....March 23, 1882
Received Order of Temple .....March 24, 1882
Received Order of Malta .....March 24, 1882
Resigned .....June 8, 1882

Mountain Commandery, No. 10.

Admitted .....September 26, 1882
Captain General 1897
Generalissimo 1898
Eminent Commander 1899

Scottish Rite

Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, 14°.

Received the degrees .....October 31, 1895

Pennsylvania Council, Princess of Jerusalem, 16°.

Received the degrees .....November 20, 1895

Pittsburgh Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°.

Received the degrees .....November 20, 1895

Pennsylvania Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°.

Received the degrees .....November 22, 1895

Supreme Council

Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° Hon.,
September 20, 1921

Such honors come only to the deserving. The fact that they do come must act as an inspiration to endeavor, and encourage us at all times to exert our life's best impulses so that to others as well as ourselves may come the realization that:

'Life is a mirror for king and slave;
'Tis just what you are and do.
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.'

Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE has fallen asleep. He has passed the vail. He has met the Great High Priest in the inner sanctuary, the Grand Chapter of the Worlds and the Great Head of all the Universe are revealed to him now. He sees eye to eye. All the mysteries of that bourne toward which all must travel, and beyond which all must pass, stand to him clearly revealed. He has gone out from among us, but he has left us a rich memory filled with inspiration, sweetness and fragrance. Viewed as a soldier, he was brave, patriotic and faithful. As a citizen, he was filled with a love of sound principles, a high standard of business integrity and a clear appre-

ciation of the right. As a Mason, he had a deep veneration of the ancient usages and landmarks of our Craft, and a high regard for the real value of all Masonic teachings. He was a true friend. As the soul of Jonathan was knit unto the soul of David, so his soul was knit to ours. Looking into his manly face you realized it was the face of one with whom friendship did not die, for his calm, clear intelligent eye flashed back to your soul the assurance of unfailing affection. A royal character, a scion of true nobility. It is a great privilege to be the friend of such a man, and across the line into the shadowland we stretch our hand tonight and claim this sweet privilege. The life has been taken, the silver cord has been broken, the golden bowl of human experience lies in fragments at our feet, but the fragrance of his well-spent life is immortal and endureth forever. Farewell, Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE, farewell—but our farewells are not forever, the receding shore line, the changing scenes, the disappearing bark beyond the line of mist and shadow admonishes us that our bark must soon follow, and so, we say to you, not goodby, which would seem as if forever, but Au Revoir until we meet in the universe of a new world."

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest, announced the death of Companion HARRY L. HORST, Instructor in the Capitular School of Instruction, at Philadelphia, on April 22, 1926, and directed that a suitable record be made in the Minutes of Grand Chapter.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion C. WESLEY ORR, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, died February 13, 1926.

M. E. Companion JOHN E. CAMERON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, died March 28, 1926.

E. Companion HOMER P. SMITH, Grand Master of Third Vail of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died April 2, 1926.

M. E. Companion HIRAM ALBERT CLEVENSTINE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died April 11, 1926.

M. E. Companion DONALD MACKAY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, died April 24, 1926.

M. E. Companion HARRY MAUNDRELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, died May 5, 1926.

At the request of Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest, the following Companions addressed Grand Chapter:

M. E. Companion CHARLES H. KING, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.

R. E. Companion MARK B. PEACOCK, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at eight-o'clock thirty-five minutes P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

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"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, ...	*M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
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"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	
"	ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, .	*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
"	ROBERT G. SMITH, ...	
"	J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, . .	
"	CHARLES R. ROBERTS, . . .	
"	CHARLES H. TILTON, ...	
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	
"	GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, . .	
"	JAMES H. REEDER, ...	
"	FREDERICK J. WANDALL, . .	
"	RUSSELL RUDOLPH, ...	
"	GEORGE W. RODGERS, ...	
"	JAMES W. MYERS, ...	
"	EDMUND W. BOOTS, ...	
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE, ... as	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, as	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	IRVIN BRANDEIS, ... as	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	RUSSEL RUDOLPH, ... as	*Grand Master of Second Vail.*

Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, ... *Grand Master of First Vail.*
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, . *Grand Marshal.*
" GEORGE W. KURTZ, ... as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" WALTER M. CARWITHEN, . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
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Grand Representatives.

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" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" HOWARD M. BROWN, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
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" JAMES E. MORRIS, of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" JAMES H. REEDER, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 167, 169, 175, 182, 183, 185, 191, 196, 198, 201, 202, 203, 208, 222, 226, 232, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 270, 271, 282, 284, 307, 308 and 312. (43 Chapters, 97 members. Visitors—Three from Pennsylvania, one from New Jersey and one from California.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 3, 1926, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 226 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, September 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from May 21, 1926, to August 20, 1926, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Interest on Investments		$2,100 42	
" Sale of Ledger Sheets		4 00	
		2,104 42	
To which add balance, May 20, 1926		17,885 73	
			$19,990 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity		$30 00	
" Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests		491 68	
" " P. G. H. P. & Other Grand Officers		118 79	
" " Instruction in the Work		747 38	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery		77 35	
" Salaries		2,300 00	
" Telephone Services		26 91	
" Office Supplies	$2 52		
" Insurance	5 00		
" Repairs to Addressograph	1 00		
" Repairs to Typewriter	1 98		

For Auditing	25 00	
" Flowers	25 00	
		60 50
		3,852 61
To which add balance, August 20, 1926	16,137 54	
		$19,990 15

Fraternally submitted,

E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee."

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, September 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendment to the By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 226 be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,
Committee."

The following Amendments to the Constitution were offered:

Resolved, that

Article XVI, Section 1, be amended by striking out in the fourth line the words "Past Master either by election or dispensation"; twelfth line, second paragraph, strike out the words "giving the date on which he was passed to the Chair"; fifteenth line, second

paragraph, strike out the words "who must certify that the petitioner is a Past Master"; twenty-third line, second paragraph, strike out the words "has passed the Chair is"; and insert in the fourth line, same section, after the word "be", the words "Master Mason for at least six months," so that the Section as amended shall read:

Section 1: "A petitioner for the Capitular degrees, or for membership shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Master Mason for at least six months, in good standing with the Fraternity, a member of a Lodge of Master Masons and capable of performing all the work in the degrees he applies for.

He must apply by petition to be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter. His petition must be in writing or partly written and partly printed. He must sign the petition with his full name, set forth therein his age, occupation and residence, the name, number and location of the Lodge of Master Masons of which he is a member, and the degree to which he has arrived in Masonry. If the petition is for the Capitular Degrees he must state that he has not been rejected by any regularly constituted Chapter, and he must be recommended by two Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter; if for membership only, he must present with his petition a Chapter Certificate under the seal of the Chapter of which he was last a member, together with a copy of his Mark, and he must be recommended by two Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, who must certify that the applicant is a Mark Master Mason, a Most Excellent Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason.

The petition, on its presentation to the Chapter, must be read by the Secretary and referred to a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, none of whom shall be of his recommenders."

The proposed amendments were laid over in accordance with Article XXI, Section 1, of the Constitution.

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest, announced that the Angel of Death had again entered our ranks since our last Quarterly Communication and taken from among us two of our official family:

Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High Priest, died at his home, in Connellsville, on July 5, 1926.

Companion ROBERT A. WALKER, Grand Royal Arch Captain, died at his home, in Oxford, on August 27, 1926.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JEROME EUGENE COOLEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died May 8, 1926.

M. E. Companion DAVID KENNEDY REED, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, died May 9, 1926.

M. E. Companion WALTER A. WEST, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, died May 29, 1926.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL HENRY HUNTINGTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, died June 23, 1926.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, died June 30, 1926.

M. E. Companion LEMUEL EAGLETON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, died July 16, 1926.

M. E. Companion CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, died July 18, 1926.

R. E. Companion GEORGE D. MOORE, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died August 6, 1926.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at seven o'clock forty-five minutes P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

Joseph E. Quimby

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

A Special Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was held this morning.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE P. DARROW, ...	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, ...	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, ...	*M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	
"	DAVID J. DAVIS, ...	
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	
"	ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, .	*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
"	ROBERT G. SMITH, ...	
"	ALFRED C. MARPLE, ...	
"	WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., .	
"	J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, . .	
"	JOHN H. BENNETT, ...	
"	CHARLES R. ROBERTS, . . .	
"	CHARLES H. TILTON, ...	
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	
"	GUSTAV A. MUELHOF, . .	
"	ROY C. STORMER, ...	
"	JAMES H. REEDER, ...	
"	RUSSELL RUDOLPH, ...	
"	GEORGE W. RODGERS, ...	
"	JAMES W. MYERS, ...	
"	EDMUND W. BOOTS, ...	
"	ROBERT E. UMBEL, ...	
"	CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, . .	
"	WILLIAM F. BENNETT, . . .	
"	HARVEY F. PEIFLY, ...	
"	FREDERICK J. WANDALL, . .	

Comp. ROBERT D. COLE, ... as *Grand Chaplain.*
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
" WILLIAM MEYER, ... as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" IRVIN BRANDEIS, ... as *Grand Master of Third Vail.*
" JAMES W. MYERS, . . . as *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
" WILLIAM B. KROPP, ... *Grand Master of First Vail.*
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, . *Grand Marshal.*
" LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" CLARENCE R. BROOKS, . as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" GEORGE W. KURTZ, ... as *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, ... *Grand Tyler.*

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Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at nine o'clock A. M.

By direction of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, the Instructors of the Capitular Schools exemplified the Degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, showing the changes necessary in the ritualistic work should the proposed amendment to the Constitution be adopted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter to be held this afternoon.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at eleven o'clock fifty-five minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quinby
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this afternoon.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE P. DARROW, ...	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, ...	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, ...	*M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	
"	DAVID J. DAVIS, ...	
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	
"	JOHN M. CORE, ...	
"	ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, .	*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
"	ROBERT G. SMITH, ...	
"	ALFRED C. MARPLE, ...	
"	WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., .	
"	J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, . .	
"	CHARLES R. ROBERTS, . . .	
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	
"	CHARLES H. TILTON, ...	
"	GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, . .	
"	ROY C. STORMER, ...	
"	JAMES H. REEDER, ...	
"	FREDERICK J. WANDALL, . .	
"	RUSSELL RUDOLPH, ...	
"	GEORGE W. RODGERS, ...	
"	JAMES W. MYERS, ...	
"	EDMUND W. BOOTS, ...	
"	ROBERT E. UMBEL, ...	
"	CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, . .	
"	WILLIAM F. BENNETT, . . .	
"	HARVEY F. PEIFLY, ...	

Comp. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" GEORGE W. WELLBURN, . . . *Grand Chaplain.*
" FRANCIS M. TAITT, ... *Grand Chaplain.*
" ROBERT D. COLE, ... as *Grand Captain of the Host.*
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
" IRVIN BRANDEIS, ... as *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" ELMER C. WATT . . . . . *Grand Master of Third Vail.*
" RALPH C. MINEHART, . . . *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
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" WALTER M. CARWITHEN, . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, ... *Grand Tyler.*

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" OWEN W. METZGAR, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.
" JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" IRA GEORGE ROSS, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
" WESLEY R. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" HOWARD M. BROWN, of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" JAMES MCCULLOUGH, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" JAMES E. MORRIS, of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

Comp. AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" DAVID J. DAVIS, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
" GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
" LOUIS M. WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JAMES H. REEDER, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" THOMAS F. ASHFORD, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" PAUL J. PONTIUS, of the Grand Chapter of Victoria.
" HARRY J. BELL, of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

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Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of the following distinguished Companions:

Companion S. CARBON WOLFE, M. P. Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania.

Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion FRED W. HILTON, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JEROME H. TUCKER, Deputy Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion FRANK B. WILSON, Past Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion EDWARD M. WHEELER, Past Grand High Priest, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island.

M. E. Companion WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Deputy Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion SAMUEL S. FORSTER, Grand King; R. E. Companion WILLIAM R. CONDIT, Grand Scribe, and E. Companion GEORGE S. ROSECRANTS, Grand Representative, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion ELBERT L. DARBIE, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion EDWARD A. KLATTE, Deputy Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. BOWERS, Past Grand High Priest, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

R. E. Companion FORREST V. SMITH, Grand King of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion HENRY LINCOLN SANDERSON, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JAMES LITTLEFIELD, Deputy Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion OLIN H. CHASE, Grand Scribe, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire.

M. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion CHARLES D. MCCRACKEN, Deputy Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion VICTOR H. PUGH, Grand King; R. E. Companion MATTHEW ARMSTRONG, Grand Scribe; M. E. Companion FRANK C. SAYRS, Past Grand High Priest, and E. Companion A. BOYLAN FITZGERALD, Grand Chaplain, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion GEORGE O. FEARON, Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion W. FRANK SHARP, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion WEST A. TROTTER, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion EDGAR A. WILLIN, Past Grand High Priest; E. Companion H. W. T. PURNELL, Grand Principal Sojourner; E. Companion JOHN P. LEFEVRE, Grand Master of the Third Vail, and E. Companion FRANCIS PEZET, Grand Lecturer, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia.

M. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand Z, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, Past Grand Z, both of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

M. E. Companion ALEX B. J. MOORE, Grand Z, and E. Companion J. BRUCE STEWART, Grand Director of Ceremonies, both of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on September 2, 1926, and Special Communication held Thursday morning, December 2, 1926, were read and separately approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 167, 200, 202, 216, 257, 259, 282 and 302, and proposed new code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 312, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of Grand Chapter present their Eighteenth Annual Report:

Par value of securities as per last report		$131,500 00
" " " " purchased during the year		20,500 00
		$152,000 00
" " " " sold during the year		5,000 00
" " " " now on hand		$147,000 00

Cash Account:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at close of fiscal year 1925	$630 64	
Sold $5000 Chesapeake & Ohio 4½ Bonds	4,940 00	
Received from Grand Chapter for investment	15,000 00	
		$20,570 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchased:		
(5) $1000 American Power and Light Co. Gold Debenture 6% Bonds, Nos. 2852, 22623, 22624, 46282 and 46283. Due March 1, 2016. Interest due March 1 and September 1. First coupon on September 1, 1926	$5,010 00	
(1) $500 Seaboard Air Line Railway 1st Consolidated Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series A, 6%, No. D2626. Due September 1, 1945. Interest due March 1 and September 1. First coupon March 1, 1926	482 50	
(5) $1000 Northwestern Refrigerator Line Equipment 6% 1st Lien Trust Certificate A, Series A2, Nos. 656, 657, 658, 659 and 660. Due January 1, 1934. Interest due June 1 and December 1. First coupon on June 1, 1926	5,000 00	
(10) $1000 National Dairy Products Corporation Temporary 15-year 6% Collateral Trust Note, Nos. TM 1514, 1515, 9386, 10357, 10358, 10359, 10360, 10361, 11759		

and 11760. Due November 1, 1940.
Interest due May 1 and November 1.
First coupon on May 1, 1926..... 9,877 50
Balance on hand for investment..... 200 64
\$20,570 64

Interest due Grand Chapter amounting to \$99.21, making a bank balance to our credit of 299 85

We also accepted as of December 15, 1925, (10) \$1000 1st Mortgage Bonds on the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, maturing December 15, 1935, in exchange for 10 bonds of same amount on same property maturing on December 15, 1925, the new bonds bearing same numbers as the old ones.

Appended is a list of the Securities now in box in safe deposit vaults of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co.:

Par Value	Name of Security	Rate of Interest	Cost	Market Value	Interest Collected
\$5,000	Alabama Power Co.	6 %	\$5,001.25	\$5,200.00	\$300.00
5,000	Amer. Pow. & Lt. Co.	6 %	5,010.00	5,037.50	63.33
1,000	Bethlehem Steel Co.	5 %	891.50	972.50	50.00
10,000	Bellevue-Strat. Hotel.	5¾ %	10,000.00	10,000.00	575.00
10,000	Adelphi Hotel	5¾ %	10,000.00	10,000.00	575.00
10,000	Argentine Nation ...	6 %	9,040.00	9,825.00	600.00
10,000	Belle Claire Apts.....	6 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	600.00
2,000	Chic. & Alton Ry. Co.	3 %	1,130.00	1,390.00	30.14
5,000	Chicago & Northwn...	5 %	4,668.75	5,102.50	250.00
5,000	Elec. & Peop. Tr. Co.	4 %	4,800.00	3,000.00	200.00
10,000	Greenfield Bldg.	6 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	600.00
5,000	Lehigh Val. Rwy. Co.	4 %	4,237.50	4,250.00	200.00
2,000	Laclede Gas Lt. Co...	5½ %	1,929.00	2,080.00	110.00
10,000	Natl. Dairy Prod. Co.	6 %	9,877.50	9,962.50	453.00
1,000	N. Y., Phil. & N. R.R.	4 %	931.25	880.00	40.00
5,000	Northw. Refrig. Line.	6 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	139.17
5,000	Pennsylvania Co. ...	4 %	4,898.89	4,862.50	200.00
5,000	Readg. Co., Jer. Cent.	4 %	4,800.00	4,625.00	200.00
500	Seaboard Air Line...	6 %	482.50	482.50	21.75
3,000	Southern Ind. Rwy...	4 %	2,205.00	2,400.00	120.00
5,000	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul.	5 %	4,803.50	5,000.00	250.00
10,000	Wanamaker Building.	5½ %	10,000.00	10,100.00	550.00
8,000	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul.	6 %	7,952.00	8,320.00	480.00

12,000	Margrace Apts. 6	%	12,000.00	12,000.00	720.00
2,500	2103 Diamond St., Phila. 6	%	2,500.00	2,500.00	
	Ches. & Ohio (sold) .6	%			188.75
147,000			$142,158.64	$142,990.00	$7,516.14

An inventory of the property of Grand Chapter at the beginning of the year disclosed a valuation of $7922. The appraised value therefore today, allowing for depreciation, would be $7129.80, covered by insurance.

A detailed description of all securities listed above is on file in the office of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, subject to inspection by any member of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. WELLS,
DAVID J. DAVIS,
GEORGE W. SEEDS,
Trustees."

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

"QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from August 21, 1926, to November 20, 1926, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Interest on Investments	$1,656 33	
" Interest on Bank Balance	260 28	
	$1,916.61	
To which add balance, August 20, 1926..	16,137 54	
		$18,054 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity			$30 00
" Florida Relief			500 00
" Clothing and Furniture			62 00
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest			2,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests			823 04
" " P. G. H. P. & other Grand Officers			43 01
" " Instruction in Work			667 50
" Printing, Postage and Stationery			289 00
" Rent			3,000 00
" Salaries			2,400.00
" Telephone Services			21 35
" Entertaining Guests from other Jurisdictions			1,500 00
" Auditing	$25 00		
" Flowers	15 00		
" Printing Proceedings	317 00		
			357 00
			$11,692 90
To which add balance, November 20, 1926			6,361 25
			$18,054 15

ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of $147,000.00, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1926, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Certificates			$8 00
" Chapters and Mark Lodges			34,271 45
" Constitutions			2 00
" Dispensations			20 00
" Interest on Deposits			260 28
" Interest on Investments			7,516 14
" Sale of Ledger Sheets			30 00
" Warrant			200 00
			$42,307 87
To which add Balance, November 20, 1925			9,885 09
			$52,192 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity			$170 96
" Florida Relief			500 00
" Clothing and Furniture			71 00
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest			4,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests			3,073 16
" " P. G. H. P. & other Grand Officers			1,113 09
" " Instruction in the Work			3,385 76
" Investments			15,000 00
" Printing, Postage and Stationery			1,242 92
" Rent			3,000 00
" Salaries			9,300 00
" Telephone Services			108 58
" Printing Proceedings	$1,461 13		
" Entertainment of Guests from other Jurisdictions	1,500 00		
" Organist's Salary	70 00		
" Assisting Tyler	10 00		
" Bonding Officers	131 25		
" Auditing	140 00		
" Auto Hire	17 00		
" Flowers	90 00		
" Binding Reports	26 75		
" Typewriter	112 50		
" Rent Safe Deposit Box	10 00		
" Repairs to Typewriter	2 98		
" Repairs to Addressograph	1 00		
" Office Supplies	288 63		
" Insurance	5 00		
		3,866 24	
		$45,831 71	
To which add balance, November 20, 1926		6,361 25	
			$52,192 96
Balance on deposit in Franklin Trust Co.			$6,361 25
Check outstanding			23 91
Actual balance in Franklin Trust Co.			$6,385 16
Charity and Emergency Relief Fund per last report, November 20, 1925			$1,382 01

Interest credited	28 75
Balance on deposit in Franklin Trust Co.	$1,410 76

ESTIMATES FOR 1927

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1927:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$33,400 00	
" Interest on Deposits	250 00	
" Interest on Investments	8,000 00	
	$41,650 00	
To which add balance, November 20, 1926	6,361 25	
		$48,011 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	$500 00
" Clothing and Furniture	500 00
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	3,500 00
" " P. G. H. P. & other Grand Officers	1,500 00
" " Instruction in the Work	4,000 00
" Investments	12,000 00
" Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,500 00
" Printing Proceedings	1,800 00
" Rent	3,000 00
" Salaries, Grand Secretary's Office	8,500 00
" " Grand Treasurer	500 00
" " Grand Tyler	300 00
" Telephone Services	200 00
" Entertaining Guests from other Jurisdictions	1,500 00
" Miscellaneous Expenses	1,200 00
	$45,500 00
Estimated balance, November 20, 1927	2,511 25
	$48,011 25

The Committee offers the following resolution:

Resolved, that the above recommendations of the Committee be approved, and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he

is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee."

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and proposed new Code of By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 167, 200, 202, 216, 257, 259, 282 and 302 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 312 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
JAMES B. DUFFY,
Committee."

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee to whom was referred the request of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand for an exchange of Grand Representatives with this Grand Chapter beg leave to report as follows:

Owing to the internal dissensions existing, the Grand Chapter of New Zealand does not have control of all the Chapters within that

territory. We therefore offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

Resolved, that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania recommend that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest defer exchanging of Representatives, and recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand for the present.

Your Committee to which was referred the request of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland for recognition and an exchange of Representatives reports:

We find the following: 'The position stands at present: Two Supreme Grand Chapters of Queensland. I believe there are still a couple of English and Scotch Chapters not gathered into the fold. No Irish Chapter is in existence in Queensland.'

The foregoing statement is quoted from a letter of the Secretary of one of the Supreme Grand Chapters.

Committees are at the present time working to bring about a union of the two 'Supreme Grand Chapters,' but as yet without success.

We offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

Resolved, that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania recommend that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest defer action on the exchange of Representatives.

In the matter of the request of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, which was referred to this Committee, we report the following resolution and move its adoption:

Resolved, that we recommend that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, at his pleasure, appoint a Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales to represent this Grand Chapter.

And be it further

Resolved, that we recommend that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania request that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales appoint a Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. CORE,
HARRY J. BELL,
H. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN,
EDWARD W. RUSHTON,
ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.,
Committee."

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 2, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the contract for printing and binding the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1926 was completed by the contractor to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The expense for this work, including postage, was $1461.13, which amount does not include stationery and postage necessary to the conduct of the Grand Secretary's Office.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
Committee."

The amendment to the Constitution read at the Quarterly Communication held September 2, 1926, was again read, and, on motion, was amended by striking out the words "A Master Mason for at least six months" wherever it occurs.

At the request of more than the constitutional number of Representatives the proposed amendment as amended was submitted to Grand Chapter for a Representative vote by Chapters.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint the following Tellers to conduct the election for Grand Officers:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Comp. FREDERICK J. WANDALL.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS.
" ROBERT G. SMITH.

Most Excellent Grand King.

Comp. ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH.
" CHARLES R. ROBERTS.
" GEORGE W. RODGERS.

Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Comp. RUSSELL RUDOLPH.
" ROY C. STORMER.
" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING.

Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Comp. ALFRED C. MARPLE.
" JAMES H. REEDER.
" J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER.

Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

Comp. WILLIAM J. BRYNES, JR.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER.
" JAMES W. MYERS.

Amendment to Constitution.

Comp. CHARLES H. TILTON.
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF.
" HARVEY F. PEIFLY.

The Tellers appointed to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the following named Companions duly elected:

WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Most Excellent Grand King.

THOMAS N. MCKEE, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Tellers appointed to count the vote on the amendment to the Constitution, reported 231 individual votes and 2610 representative votes, a total of 2841, in favor of the adoption of the amendment, and 12 individual votes and 108 representative votes, a total of 120, against its adoption. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the amendment adopted, to become effective at once.

At the request of Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the following Companions addressed Grand Chapter:

Companion S. CARBON WOLFE, M. P. Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania.

Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion FRED W. HILTON, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island.

M. E. Companion WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion ELBERT L. DARBIE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

R. E. Companion FORREST V. SMITH, Grand King of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion HENRY LINCOLN SANDERSON, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire.

M. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

M. E. Companion GEORGE O. FEARON, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware.

M. E. Companion ALEX B. J. MOORE, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia.

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, announced the death of M. E. Companion JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, at Malden, Massachusetts, November 27, 1926, in his eighty-third year.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JOHN MOORE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington, died April 26, 1926.

M. E. Companion BERNARD F. KEELER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, died August 28, 1926.

M. E. Companion FRED D. APLIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, died August 28, 1926.

E. Companion WILLIAM I. WHITWELL, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, died August 31, 1926.

M. E. Companion CROMWELL TUCKER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, died September 16, 1926.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL E. BUSSER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died September 17, 1926.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL J. PRENTISS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died September 21, 1926.

M. E. Companion ROBERT SMITH NICHOLLS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington, died October 9, 1926.

M. E. Companion ALEXANDER BARCLAY TAYLOR, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, died October 11, 1926.

M. E. Companion DAVID M. WILSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, died October 27, 1926.

M. E. Companion JOHN MORRIS MCCONIHAY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, died November 2, 1926.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at five o'clock twenty-two minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quinby
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

The Annual Grand Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

Comp.	GEORGE P. DARROW, ...	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND, . .	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG, ...	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., .	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	EDGAR A. TENNIS, ...	*M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
"	GEORGE B. WELLS, ...	
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, ...	
"	ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, .	*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*
"	ALFRED C. MARPLE, ...	
"	ROBERT G. SMITH, ...	
"	WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., .	
"	J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, . .	
"	CHARLES H. TILTON, ...	
"	CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	
"	GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, . .	
"	EDMUND W. BOOTS, ...	
"	ROBERT E. UMBEL, ...	
"	HARVEY F. PEIFLY, ...	
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	GEORGE W. WELLBURN, . . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	FRANCIS M. TAITT, ...	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, . .	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	ROBERT D. COLE, ... as	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . .	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	IRVIN BRANDEIS, ... as	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ELMER C. WATT, ...	*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
"	CLARENCE R. BROOKS, . as	*Grand Master of Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP, ...	*Grand Master of First Vail.*

Comp. CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN,. . . *Grand Marshal.*
" LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . . . *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" WALTER M. CARWITHEN, . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, ... *Grand Tyler.*

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
" WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
" WESLEY R. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of Dist. of Columbia.
" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" JOHN A. PERRY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
" JAMES E. MORRIS, of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
" CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" LOUIS M. WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" CLARENCE P. FRANKLIN, of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Companions of Chapters Nos.:—3, 43, 52, 91, 167, 175, 177, 180, 182, 183, 185, 196, 198, 202, 208, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 259, 262, 263, 271, 274, 282, 284 and 307. (38 Chapters, 108 members. Visitors—Ten from Pennsylvania, one from New Jersey.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, December 2, 1926, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 173 and 182 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when on motion the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 27, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 173 and 182 referred to them and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 173 and 182 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,
Committee.

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

Companions:

Another Grand Chapter Administration is rapidly drawing to a close. The sands in the hour glass are running low. A few minutes more and your present Grand High Priest will have become a Past Grand High Priest.

Two short years ago you entrusted to my care the direction of the affairs of Grand Chapter. Then I looked for-

ward to two years of activity following the pace which had been set for me by my strenuous predecessors. Tonight I stand before you to give an account of my stewardship. Then I asked for the co-operation of my Companions in Grand Chapter in this place of power and privilege and responsibility. Tonight I stand here to acknowledge gratefully the assistance of the Companions who so unhesitatingly and ungrudgingly responded to my every request, thus making possible the record of the past two years. Then I besought the help of the Almighty, who can supply every human defect, and tonight I stand here to record my indebtedness to Him who is the author of all good gifts and graces, and to thank Him for whatever success I may have attained.

NECROLOGY.

It becomes my sad duty to announce the passing of two Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, as well as two other members of our official family, with long records of loyal and faithful service to Capitular Masonry.

After a long illness, Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, at his home, in Media, entered into rest on the morning of January 15, 1926.

Companion SMITH had a long and varied career, and aside from his active association with the various Masonic bodies was most prominent in the educational and church affairs of his home community. He was a District Deputy Grand Master from 1913 to the time of his death; Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, 1911-1912; M. P. Grand Master of Grand Council in 1902, and Commander in Chief of Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, for three years. At the time of his death Companion SMITH was Chairman of the Committee on Finance of Grand Chapter.

On his seventy-seventh birthday, March 6, 1926, while visiting his granddaughter in Pittsburgh, the final summons came to Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

Companion KLINE had a long and honorable career in the Masonic Fraternity, serving the Craft faithfully and well for fifty-five years. He served as Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter during the years 1903 and 1904, and has continually taken an active interest in its affairs. At the time of his death Companion KLINE was Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

I caused the usual notices of the deaths of Companions A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and HENRY OSCAR KLINE to be sent to the subordinate Chapters, and at my request suitable In Memoriams were prepared and read to Grand Chapter at subsequent Quarterly Communications.

Another loyal and faithful servant, Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, passed away on July 5, 1926.

Companion ARMSTRONG had served Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Grand High Priest since 1909. He was a devoted Mason, and his active interest in Capitular Masonry was most pronounced and evident to the date of his death. We have lost the services of an earnest co-worker.

Companion ROBERT A. WALKER died on August 27, 1926.

Companion WALKER, who was a Past High Priest of Oxford Chapter, No. 223, had actively served Grand Chapter since 1913, and at the time of his death was Grand Royal Arch Captain. We miss this faithful Companion, who for so many years had worked so cheerfully and loyally for the interests of Grand Chapter.

We extend sincere sympathy to our Sister Jurisdictions for the great loss they sustained in the death of so many distinguished Companions during the present year. An appropriate record has been made in the minutes of Grand Chapter.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The holding of a District Meeting once a year in each District of the State has, I trust, become a fixed policy of Grand Chapter. To attend all of them is a heavy tax upon the time and endurance of a Grand Officer, but I thought last year, as I think now, there is no progress without service. There can be no Masonry without service. I am, therefore, grateful that it has been my privilege last year, as well as this year, to attend all District Meetings, always accompanied by the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work, with other Grand Officers attending as many meetings as convenient. Words seem utterly inadequate and meaningless in attempting to express my deep appreciation for the help given me by that master of detail, M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY. It was he who made possible the execution of our ambitious program.

Our program has been a meeting in each of the twenty-six Districts, commencing at two o'clock in the afternoon, when officers of all Chapters in the District are expected to be present, and as many of the Companions as may find it convenient to be there. The Mark and Most Excellent Master Mason's Degrees are rehearsed in full in the afternoon. In the evening the Chapter acting as host receives the Grand Officers, the Grand High Priest taking the station and making his address. This is followed by an appropriate address, usually by one of the Grand Chaplains, after which the Royal Arch Degree is rehearsed.

The Director of Work, Companion ROBERT D. COLE, is ever watchful and alert in detecting errors, and his tactful manner of making corrections has been appreciated by all.

The District Deputies select the Chapters of their Districts to rehearse the several Degrees, and have general supervision over their districts.

It is this kind of teamwork all around that is the magician's wand that alone can make our Chapters what they should be, and what they can be, and what they will be if these means are continually applied. They have taught us two important lessons: the lesson of self-help, and the lesson of giving help to and receiving help from others.

It is most gratifying to your retiring Grand High Priest to be able to state that these labors have already produced a rich harvest with increased interest in Capitular Masonry, mounting oft times to enthusiasm.

We have sought not only to teach the perfect rendition of our ritualistic work, but also a better understanding of the precepts and teachings of our Craft and their application to modern every-day life by showing that they better fit one to face his duty in the world as a Mason and citizen, and help him to become a better and stronger part of our civic life.

Our country is a mighty aggregation of individuals, and all the faults and all the shortcomings, as well as all the virtues, are accentuated and multiplied in the national life. Sir WILLIAM JONES has said:

> "What constitutes a State? Not high raised buttment,
> Levelled mound, thick walls, and moated gate,
> Not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned,
> Not vast and broad armed ports, rich navies left to scorn,
> But men—high minded men, men who their duties know,
> And knowing, dare maintain. These constitute a State."

We want our Masonry to appeal to intelligent men and be a real vital power for good in the world—a power that will keep alive our sense of duty and express it in our visible conduct. These ideals have been promulgated at every District Meeting.

District A.

March 20, 1926, held at Philadelphia.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; August P. Kunzig, M. E. Grand Scribe; Joeph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; Albert S. Houldsworth, Robert G. Smith, Alfred C. Marple, William J. Byrnes, Jr., and Harvey F. Peifly, District Deputy Grand High Priests; William B. Kropp, Grand Master of First Vail; Louis J. Sommer, Jr., Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; Walter M. Carwithen, Grand Pursuivant; Robert D. Cole, Director of Work; Irvin Brandeis, Clarence R. Brooks, Benjamin Biswanger, Harry L. Horst, Henry S. Hazlett and George W. Kurtz, Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 175, the degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 52 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 226. The address was by Companion J. Myron Shimer, of Chapter No. 226.

Forceful rendition of ritual, complemented by promptness and exactitude of floor movements, raised this day's work above the sphere of criticism.

Companion Albert S. Houldsworth, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 19 visits to Chapters in his District.

District B.

March 27, 1926, held at Philadelphia.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; August P. Kunzig, M. E. Grand Scribe; Thomas McConnell, Jr., M. E. Grand Treasurer; Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; George B. Wells, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; Robert

G. SMITH, ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ALFRED C. MARPLE, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., and HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; WILLIAM B. KROPP, Grand Master of First Vail; LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, HENRY S. HAZLETT, BENJAMIN BISWANGER, CLARENCE R. BROOKS, HARRY L. HORST and GEORGE W. KURTZ, Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 256, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 240 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 169. The address was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The work of the respective presiding officers was excellent, oft times attaining to absolute perfection, and the support of the floor officers was a credit to all concerned. Albeit, the fact that three very important places in the Royal Arch Degree had to be filled by substitutes was noted and regretted.

Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 24 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT C.

April 10, 1926, held at Philadelphia.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; JOHN M. CORE, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; ALFRED C. MARPLE, ROBERT G. SMITH and HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; WILLIAM B.

KROPP, Grand Master of First Vail; LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, HARRY L. HORST and GEORGE W. KURTZ, Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 232, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 208 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 308. The address was by Companion GEORGE G. DILWORTH, of Chapter No. 308.

This was a red letter day. All work was excellent and by far the greater part was perfect. In the degree of Most Excellent Master every officer was in his accustomed station or place; and in the Degree of Royal Arch Mason but two were absent, and their absence was caused by sickness.

Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 10 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 1.

April 8, 1926, held at Jenkintown.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; J. HOWARD S. BARNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS and CLARENCE R. BROOKS, Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 301, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 190 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 198. The address was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHAELS, Grand Chaplain.

District No. 1 not only maintained its established reputation for excellent work, but had the largest attendance of the entire series of District Meetings, thus evincing an interest on the part of the membership the value of which cannot be overestimated.

Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 8 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 2.

April 9, 1926, held at Oxford.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH and ALFRED C. MARPLE, District Deputy Grand High Priests; EDWARD W. RUSHTON and WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplains; ROBERT A. WALKER, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 258, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 275 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 267. The address was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

Geographical situation considered, the attendance on this occasion compared favorably with the record of District No. 1. The work done was creditable to all concerned. All officers of one Chapter reported promptly for duty, and while the other two working Chapters had a number of absentees, in nearly every case the alibi was sickness.

Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 26 visits to Chapters in his District.

District 3.

June 1, 1926, held at Pottstown.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; August P. Kunzig, M. E. Grand Scribe; Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; J. Edward Billheimer, District Deputy Grand High Priest; William H. Micheals, Grand Chaplain, and Robert D. Cole, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 43, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 197 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 237. The address was by Companion William H. Micheals, Grand Chaplain.

One Chapter had every officer in his appointed place and did work which may be called 100 per cent. perfect. As regards the other working Chapters, while there was a regrettable absence of regular officers, the work gave evidence of painstaking effort and showed such improvement over former years as to give satisfactory promise for the future.

Companion J. Edward Billheimer, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 24 visits to Chapters in his District.

District 4.

September 7, 1926, held at York.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; John H. Bennett, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Edward W. Rushton, Grand Chaplain, and Robert D. Cole, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 304, the Degree of Most Excellent Master

Mason by Chapter No. 199 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 310. The address was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

A triple star day. Beyond the traditional "minor slip," to which even the most accomplished workman yields once in a while, there was not a single error noted in the work. Interest and enthusiasm pervaded the entire afternoon and evening. "Three times 100 per cent." "Best degree work seen this year." "How wonderfully impressive," etc., were the comments overheard. The excellence of the work appears to have given added inspiration to the orator of the day, who, it was generally noted, even outshone his usual brilliancy.

Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest, has made no report of visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 5.

October 1, 1926, held at Allentown.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; CHARLES R. ROBERTS and HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priests; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 278, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 295 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 292. The address was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

The careful preparation and painstaking efforts manifested in the rendition of the Royal Arch Degree merited the commendation of the Grand Officers. As regards the other two degrees, while a number of individual officers acquitted themselves creditably, a lack of preparation was

at times painfully apparent. The number of substitutes used was also a handicap. Of course the impossible is not asked of any officer, but where so many officers are absent as on this occasion it at least raises the question as to whether there is due appreciation of obligated responsibility.

Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 16 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 6.

September 27, 1926, held at Montrose.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; CHARLES H. TILTON, District Deputy Grand High Priest; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, Grand Principal Sojourner, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 210, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 276 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 180. The address was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

This doubtless was a proud day for the District. Work ritualistically perfect, rendered in a most intelligent and impressive manner, and supported by extraordinarily competent co-operation of floor officers, in the case of each of the three separate Chapters officiating; a wonderfully large attendance in a district scattered over a wide territory, and all remained until the close.

Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, District Deputy Grand High Priest, has made no report of visits to Chapters in his District.

District 7.

September 28, 1926, held at Nanticoke.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; August P. Kunzig, M. E. Grand Scribe; Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; Charles H. Weaver, District Deputy Grand High Priest; William H. Micheals, Grand Chaplain, and Robert D. Cole, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 242, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 214 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 287. The address was by Companion William H. Micheals, Grand Chaplain.

One of the smallest Chapters in the district rehearsed the Royal Arch Degree in a manner highly gratifying to all, the M. E. High Priest particularly receiving high encomiums from Grand Officers and others for his forceful and correct rendition of the ritual. Some good work was done by the other Chapters, and it is expected that a greater appreciation of the importance of details, together with frequent and thorough rehearsals, will soon place these Chapters in the front rank.

Companion Charles H. Weaver, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 46 visits to Chapters in his District.

District 8.

September 30, 1926, held at Shamokin.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; August P. Kunzig, M. E. Grand Scribe; Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; Gustav A. Muehlhof, District Deputy Grand High Priest;

WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 252, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 221, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 264. The address was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

The attendance was gratifyingly large on this occasion. In each of the three degrees dignity, force and correctness were the order of the day, supplemented by such excellence of team work on the floor as is rarely equaled. A just source of pride for all participating.

Companion GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 11 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 9.

September 29, 1926, held at Bloomsburg.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 246, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 178 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 218. The address was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

Excellent work was done this day by practically all participants. Earnest rehearsals, careful delivery and conscientious preparation manifestly brought their inevitable reward, and all those who were responsible are entitled to felicitation.

Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, Acting District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 33 visits to Chapters in this District.

DISTRICT 10.

September 8, 1926, held at Carlisle.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; ARTHUR W. GILLAN, District Deputy Grand High Priest; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 209, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 21, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 171. The address was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

Again it is a privilege to attest to general excellence of work done, as well as to the sense of responsibility manifested alike by elected and appointed officers. Not a single weak point was observed in the work presented by District No. 10.

This occasion was honored by the presence of Companion SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR, R. W. Past Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 6 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 11.

September 9, 1926, held at Huntingdon.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; ROY C. STORMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 186, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 166, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 201. The address was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The attendance on this occasion was large, showing a degree of interest on the part of officers and members of the district that was most gratifying. In each degree the work elicited the highest commendation for accuracy, co-ordination and impressiveness. It was, however, disappointing to find that the Scribe, who should have acted as Worshipful Master in the Mark Degree, was not qualified to do so, his place being filled more than acceptably by the M. E. High Priest. Our present system of allotment of work has been so long in successful operation that it is difficult to conceive of a valid excuse for a Scribe elected in December being unable to confer the Mark Degree in the following September.

Companion ROY C. STORMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 16 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 12.

September 10, 1926, held at Clearfield.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; JAMES H. REEDER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 222, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 241, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 228. The address was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

Marked improvement in the work of this District as a whole was manifested, and the general interest and desire for knowledge were most gratifying. The King, who should have rehearsed the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason, being unavoidably absent, the Scribe took his place and was "almost letter perfect." This was an example of forehandedness and recognition of duty that cannot be too highly commended. The High Priest of the Chapter entertaining, having recently removed to a distant city, was not expected to be present at this meeting, but at considerable sacrifice returned to his post of duty after all arrangements had been made to proceed without him. His example is worthy of emulation, but the fact that arrangements had been made to have a Past High Priest receive the Grand Officers in his stead suggests that all Kings and Scribes should fully inform themselves concerning their obligations and privileges.

Companion JAMES H. REEDER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 7 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 13.

September 24, 1926, held at Bradford.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 230, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 279, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 260. The address was by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

The work on this occasion had evidently been faithfully rehearsed, and was intelligently and impressively presented by competent officers, notwithstanding there were a number of substitutions as regards the appointed officers. Especial commendation was elicited by the work of the M. E. High Priest in the Royal Arch Degree.

Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 16 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 14.

September 25, 1926, held at Westfield.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 296, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 254, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 265. The address was by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

More thorough and careful preparation of the Mark Degree would probably have produced perfect work. As it was it was very good. Through an unfortunate combination of circumstances the Chapter rehearsing the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason had but a few days' notice of the task assigned them, but their response to duty's call was prompt and effective, and with due allowance their work was remarkably good. The highest commendation is cheerfully accorded the work of the Royal Arch Degree on this occasion.

Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 16 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 15.

September 16, 1926, held at Kittanning.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; RUSSELL RUDOLPH and CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 259, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 225, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 247. The address was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

Excellent work. large attendance and deep interest made this meeting a complete success. The High Priest, who was compelled to rehearse the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason because of the absence of the King, showed himself fully equal to the occasion.

Companion RUSSELL RUDOLPH, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 19 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 16.

September 15, 1926, held at Pittsburgh.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE W. RODGERS and EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chap-

lain; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; FREDERICK P. GLASSER, JOHN BELL, JR.. and JOHN W. BRANDON, Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 297, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 217, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 257. The address was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

Each of the three presiding officers vied with the others in practically letter perfect work, deliberately and impressively presented. And, the same can be said of the other officers. Precision of floor movements was noted by all, as was the full attendance of officers, thus almost entirely precluding the use of substitutes.

Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 45 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 17.

September 14, 1926, held at Dormont.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; JAMES W. MYERS, GEORGE W. RODGERS and EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; FREDERICK P. GLASSER and JOHN BELL, JR., Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 305, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 300, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 312. The address was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

One of the degrees on this occasion was rehearsed by the youngest Chapter in the Jurisdiction, and the verdict of Grand Officers was to the effect that better work had not been seen. Even at that the other Chapters about had them tied.

Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 55 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 18.

September 13, 1926, held at Homestead.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDMUND W. BOOTS, GEORGE W. RODGERS and JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; FREDERICK P. GLASSER, JOHN W. BRANDON and JOHN BELL, JR., Instructors.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 249, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 290, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 303. The address was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

Taken as a composite picture, fidelity to ritual, poise and force on the part of presiding officers, promptitude and precision of floor movements, and correctness that comes only of careful preparation, were outstanding features of the day. The lack of perfection in some minor details noted by eagle eyes will be promptly remedied.

Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 68 visits to Chapters in his District.

District 19.

September 11, 1926, held at Uniontown, Pa.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions George P. Darrow, M. E. Grand High Priest; Walton K. Swetland, M. E. Grand King; Joseph E. Quinby, M. E. Grand Secretary; John M. Core, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; Robert E. Umbel, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Harry M. McDonald, Grand Captain of the Host, and Robert D. Cole, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 283, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 272 and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 311. The address was by Companion William Hamilton Spence, of Chapter No. 165.

Here again we noted with pride the beneficence of what may be called team work. Nearly every officer was in his appointed place and prepared. Uniformly excellent work from presiding officer to humblest appointee was the order of the day, and the spirit of fraternity was rampant. Here again a Scribe took the place of an absent King, and showed himself worthy of the preferment which had been accorded him.

Companion John A. Armstrong, for many years District Deputy Grand High Priest of District No. 19, having died July 5, 1926, Past Grand High Priest Companion John M. Core, with characteristic love for work and service, took charge of all arrangements for this meeting. The result could not have been other than above cited.

A pleasing innovation at this meeting was the presentation of a Commission as District Deputy Grand High Priest of District No. 19 to Companion Robert E. Umbel by the Grand High Priest. We are fortunate in securing one so

able and conscientious as Companion UMBEL to look after the welfare of this District.

Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 7 visits to Chapters in his District, 11 visits having been made and previously reported by his predecessor in office, the late Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

DISTRICT 20.

September 17, 1926, held at Rochester.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING and EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 167, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 212, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 244. The address was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

Practically perfect work by competent officers was presented by the two Chapters to which had been assigned the Degrees of Royal Arch Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason. The intelligent, impressive rendition by the presiding officer in each case being ably supplemented by all his associates.

An emergency corps of officers assembled without previous notice to rehearse the Mark Degree did their work so well as to entitle them one and all to the thanks of Grand Chapter and the proud acclaim of their respective Chapters. The palpably inexcusable emergency was caused by the fact that the Chapter to which the Mark Degree had been

assigned had not a single officer or member present; nor was any attempted excuse offered.

There are unquestionably occasions when the demands of other duties constitute a valid excuse for neglect of Masonic obligations. Nevertheless, District Meetings of Grand Chapter are functions of such moment, and such ample notice thereof is always given that the ignoring of the call to duty as above cited by an entire corps of Chapter officers shows not only a disregard of what is due a great institution which has bestowed its honors, but also a lamentable lack of respect for constituted authority and recognition of bounden obligations, and as such cannot pass unnoticed.

Companion CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 14 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 21.

September 18, 1926, held at Conneautville.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; PETER BARKEY and CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, District Deputy Grand High Priests, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 215, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 200, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 191. The address was by Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King.

Two of the presiding officers on this occasion distinguished themselves and are entitled to the highest meed of praise. The third did well, but better is expected of him.

In two of the Chapters working frequent rehearsals and a fuller realization of the importance of details is recommended.

Companion PETER BARKEY, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 4 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 22.

September 23, 1926, held at Oil City.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM F. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 207, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 211, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 235. The address was by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

The Royal Arch Degree was rehearsed in a manner that cannot be too highly praised. In one of the other degrees harder work and more application is susceptible of producing splendid results, while in the third case the officers are advised to make a mass formation, seek competent instruction, study hard and put individual spirit into the work.

Companion WILLIAM F. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 2 visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 23.

October 2, 1926, held at Bethlehem.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E.

Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priest; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 281, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 173, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Chapter No. 291. The address was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

In this case there was a good attendance of officers, but the members should have supported them in greater numbers. The work of the day was uniformly correct, showing conscientious effort, intelligent understanding and thorough preparation, but in one case only there was a rapidity of delivery that partly impaired the impressiveness that otherwise would have been unquestioned.

Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports 16 visits to Chapters in his District.

District Deputy Grand High Priests have reported visits to Chapters as follows:

DISTRICT	VISITS	DISTRICT	VISITS	DISTRICT	VISITS	DISTRICT	VISITS
A	19	5	16	12	7	19	18
B	24	6		13	16	20	14
C	10	7	46	14	16	21	4
1	8	8	11	15	19	22	2
2	26	9	33	16	45	23	16
3	24	10	6	17	55		
4		11	16	18	68		
						Total	519

Dist.	No.	Date	Held at	District Deputy	Degrees Rehearsed: Mark	Most Excellent	Royal Arch
A	March	20	Philadelphia	Albert S. Houldsworth	175	52	226
B	March	27	Philadelphia	Robert G. Smith	256	240	169
1	April	8	Jenkintown	J. Howard S. Barnes	301	190	198
2	April	9	Oxford	William J. Byrnes, Jr.	258	275	267
C	April	10	Philadelphia	Alfred C. Marple	232	208	308
3	June	1	Pottstown	J. Edward Billheimer	43	197	237
4	Sept.	7	York	John H. Bennett	304	199	310
10	Sept.	8	Carlisle	Arthur W. Gillan	209	21	171
11	Sept.	9	Huntingdon	Roy C. Stormer	186	166	201
12	Sept.	10	Clearfield	James H. Reeder	222	241	228
19	Sept.	11	Uniontown	Robert E. Umbel	283	272	311
18	Sept.	13	Homestead	Edmund W. Boots	249	290	303
17	Sept.	14	Dormont	James W. Myers	305	300	312
16	Sept.	15	Pittsburgh	George W. Rodgers	297	217	257
15	Sept.	16	Kittanning	Russell Rudolph	259	225	247
20	Sept.	17	Rochester	Chauncey N. Shilling	167	212	244
21	Sept.	18	Conneautville	Peter Barkey	215	200	191
22	Sept.	23	Oil City	William F. Bennett	207	211	235
13	Sept.	24	Bradford	John P. Anderson	230	279	260
14	Sept.	25	Westfield	Frederick J. Wandall	296	254	265
6	Sept.	27	Montrose	Charles H. Tilton	210	276	180
7	Sept.	28	Nanticoke	Charles H. Weaver	242	214	287
9	Sept.	29	Bloomsburg	Charles H. Weaver	246	178	218
8	Sept.	30	Shamokin	Gustav A. Muehlhof	252	221	264
5	Oct.	1	Allentown	Charles R. Roberts	278	295	292
23	Oct.	2	Bethlehem	Harvey F. Peifly	281	173	291

Dist.	No.	Date	Held at	District Deputy	Degrees Rehearsed: Mark	Most Excellent	Royal Arch
A	March	20	Philadelphia	Albert S. Houldsworth	175	52	226
B	March	27	Philadelphia	Robert G. Smith	256	240	169
C	April	10	Philadelphia	Alfred C. Marple	232	208	308
1	April	8	Jenkintown	J. Howard S. Barnes	301	190	198
2	April	9	Oxford	William J. Byrnes, Jr.	258	275	267
3	June	1	Pottstown	J. Edward Billheimer	43	197	237
4	Sept.	7	York	John H. Bennett	304	199	310
5	Oct.	1	Allentown	Charles R. Roberts	278	295	292
6	Sept.	27	Montrose	Charles H. Tilton	210	276	180
7	Sept.	28	Nanticoke	Charles H. Weaver	242	214	287
8	Sept.	30	Shamokin	Gustav A. Muehlhof	252	221	264
9	Sept.	29	Bloomsburg	Charles H. Weaver	246	178	218
10	Sept.	8	Carlisle	Arthur W. Gillan	209	21	171
11	Sept.	9	Huntingdon	Roy C. Stormer	186	166	201
12	Sept.	10	Clearfield	James H. Reeder	222	241	228
13	Sept.	24	Bradford	John P. Anderson	230	279	260
14	Sept.	25	Westfield	Frederick J. Wandall	296	254	265
15	Sept.	16	Kittanning	Russell Rudolph	259	225	247
16	Sept.	15	Pittsburgh	George W. Rodgers	297	217	257
17	Sept.	14	Dormont	James W. Myers	305	300	312
18	Sept.	13	Homestead	Edmund W. Boots	249	290	303
19	Sept.	11	Uniontown	Robert E. Umbel	283	272	311
20	Sept.	17	Rochester	Chauncey N. Shilling	167	212	244
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VISITATIONS.

December 29, 1925. Attended the annual banquet of the Joshua Association and was accompanied by Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH and WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priests.

The following distinguished Companions were also in attendance: M. E. Companion JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand King, and R. E. Companion HARRY M. RICE, Grand Captain of the Host; all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York; M. E. Companion FRANK C. SAYRS, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion HOWARD L. CARTER, Grand Master of the Second Vail, of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey; and M. E. Companion WEST A. TROTTER, Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion CORNELIUS E. BEATTY, acting Grand Captain of the Host, of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware; and M. E. Companion FRANK B. WILSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island.

November 15, 1926. I visited Germantown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 208, and was accompanied by Companions THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; ALFRED C. MARPLE, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

I was much gratified to note the large attendance at this meeting, over 250 Companions being present. The fraternal spirit of good fellowship and keen interest in Capitular Masonry was most pronounced. The Mark Degree was

conferred on ten candidates. The Worshipful Master not only rendered his work in an accurate and very impressive manner, but every other officer also merited and received the highest encomiums for correct and snappy work from all present. The movements on the floor were not only smooth and flawless, but executed with a promptness that called forth special attention.

I am especially proud of the accomplishments of my home Chapter and its high standing in Capitular Masonry.

December 3, 1926. I visited Apollo Royal Arch Chapter, No. 307, and was accompanied by Companions THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary, and GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest.

This occasion afforded me much pleasure in installing Companion JOHN C. F. KITSELMAN, for many years a faithful worker in the Grand Secretary's office, as M. E. High Priest.

VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

DELAWARE. January 20, 1926. I attended the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, at Wilmington, and was accompanied by Companions JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary, and WESLEY R. MORGAN, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware near the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. We were cordially received and extended many courtesies by the Companions of Delaware. Our visit was most enjoyable and profitable.

NEW YORK. February 2, 1926. I attended the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, at Albany, and was accompanied by Companions

WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary, and CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

We were most graciously received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and extended every possible courtesy by the Companions of New York, whose hospitality is so well known. It is always a pleasure and delight to visit this neighboring Jurisdiction.

CANADA. February 24-25, 1926. I was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada by Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King.

The Grand King advises me that he was accorded every possible courtesy while in Canada, and states that our interchange of visits has cemented the cordial relations with this foreign Jurisdiction. He was especially pleased to have the good fortune of witnessing the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree by St. Albans Royal Arch Chapter. As to his visitation to the Grand Chapter, he speaks of the glowing compliment paid to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, its age and importance in Masonic history. A signal honor was conferred upon the Grand King through an invitation to take part in the installation of the newly elected officers. He reports the Grand Chapter of Canada as being in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, and indicates that peace and harmony reigns throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

CONNECTICUT. May 11, 1926. I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, at Hartford, and was accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,

M. E. Grand Treasurer, and JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary.

Our visit was most enjoyable, and the opportunity to fraternize with the guests from other Jurisdictions and the Companions of Connecticut at the usual "get-together" dinner held the evening before the meeting and discuss problems of mutual interest was most beneficial.

NEW JERSEY. May 12, 1926. I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, at Trenton, and was accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand Scribe; THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer, and JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary.

While it has always been a great pleasure to attend the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, we were especially pleased to be welcomed by M. E. Grand High Priest SAYRS, who has endeared himself to the Companions of Pennsylvania in many ways. The relationship between M. E. Companion SAYRS and your Grand High Priest have been particularly close. We have not only interchanged visits with the Grand Chapters, but have welcomed each other in subordinate Chapters of our States by special invitations. Needless to say, our visit was most pleasant, and good fellowship was rampant.

OHIO. October 6-7, 1926. I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at Toledo, and was accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary.

This, our first visit to Ohio, was most pleasant, and the evidence of good fellowship was ever apparent. The bonds of fraternal relations have been cemented closer, and this is a condition which we desire to perpetuate.

MASSACHUSETTS. December 7, 1926. I was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts, at Boston, by Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King, who was accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary.

The Grand King reports that at the session they were accorded the honor of being the first received, and Pennsylvania was proclaimed the oldest Grand Chapter in America. He further expresses gratification for their cordial greeting and reception, and the satisfaction that these visitations are highly beneficial to Capitular Masonry in general and should be continued.

INVITATIONS DECLINED.

Owing to the demands upon my time I was compelled to decline many invitations, as follows:

March 9, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

March 24, 1926. To attend the Forty-ninth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

April 21, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

May 4, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine.

May 11, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

May 18, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire.

May 19-20, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

June 8, 1926. To attend celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Arnold Royal Arch Chapter, No. 254, at Port Allegany, Pa.

November 8-9, 1926. To attend the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

November 9-11, 1926. To attend stated and extra meetings of Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter, No. 222, at Williamsport, Pa.

December 6, 1926. To attend Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

December 14, 1926. To attend annual meeting of Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, at Chester, Pa.

New Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication in March, some 191 Companions residing in and near Crafton, Allegheny County, presented a petition to Grand Chapter for a warrant for a new Chapter. This matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Grand Officers met all Companions interested in the matter, and a full hearing was given. After due deliberation the Grand Officers unanimously agreed the warrant should be granted.

I accordingly fixed Saturday, April 3, as the time of Constitution. Accompanied by all elective Grand Officers, I constituted Crafton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 312. A complete report of the constitution will be found in the minutes of the special meeting of Grand Chapter appearing elsewhere in the proceedings.

Before final action was taken 203 names had been signed to the warrant, and at the time of constitution 189 Companions were present and thus became warrant members.

On notices for their first meeting there appeared sixty-six names for degrees and membership and one for membership, and for the nine months of this calendar year 109 Brethren have been marked. This indicates a promising and healthy future for this new-born Chapter.

Constitutional Amendments.

By constitutional amendments almost unanimously adopted at the Quarterly Communication held December 2, 1926, was enacted the most important and far-reaching legislation passed upon by Grand Chapter in more than a century of time. The net result of these amendments is: that henceforth any affiliated Master Mason, resident in Pennsylvania, and in good standing in his Lodge, whether it is located in this or any other recognized Jurisdiction, is eligible to petition for degrees and membership in any Royal Arch Chapter in Pennsylvania.

It is now possible for a Brother made a Mason in a sister Jurisdiction, who afterward acquires Pennsylvania residence, to find a Masonic home in a Pennsylvania Royal Arch Chapter, without severing his relations with the mother Lodge. It is also possible for the Pennsylvania made Mason to attain the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry (the Royal Arch Degree) without let or hindrance.

December Quarterly Communication.

This Quarterly Communication was not only signalized by the adoption of these Constitutional amendments, but was also rich in true Masonic fellowship with many distinguished Companions from other Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania was highly honored by the attendance of Grand Officers from ten other Jurisdictions. We sincerely appreciate the very pleasant and helpful relations brought about by these visits, and express the hope that this close fraternal fellowship and intercourse will never be broken.

The Grand High Priest is greatly indebted to the Grand Marshal and Companions WILLIAM T. TURNER, WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, H. TOWNSEND WILSON, FRANK F. MATHER, ANDREW J. SCHRODER, CHARLES R. DOBBYN, JOSEPH K. NICHOLLS, J. WALLACE RADCLIFFE, FRANCIS L. BORIE, and SAMUEL SHAW, who composed the Committee of Ten, for their splendid co-operation in looking after the comfort and welfare of our distinguished guests; and also to that Prince of Councilors and helpful co-worker, Past Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, who is ever ready to give a helping hand when help is wanted and ripe experience is essential for success.

DECISIONS.

Having taken into consideration the change of time in some localities in this Jurisdiction from "Eastern Standard Time" to what is called "Daylight Saving Time," usually covering the period beginning the latter part of April and ending the latter part of September, I authorized Chapters meeting in cities and other localities where Daylight Saving Time is used to call their stated meetings at the hour fixed in their By-Laws, adding thereto, on notices to the members, the words "Daylight Saving Time," this permission being granted during the period of Daylight Saving Time only, and does not effect Chapters which have amended their By-Laws to meet at 6 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard Time, which is to be so stated on their notices during the period covered by this Decision. Any extra or special meeting is to specify or clearly state "Eastern Standard Time" or "Daylight Saving Time."

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACES.

In compliance with Article XII, Sec. 15, of the Constitution, permission was granted to the following Chapters for change of place of meeting, after being satisfied that the

new room is suitable for place of meeting of a Royal Arch Chapter, and complies with the requirements of the Constitution:

March 31, 1926. To Howell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 202, of West Chester, Pa., to the new Masonic Hall, located at 10-12 South Church Street, West Chester, Pa.

August 16, 1926. To Coatesville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 267, of Coatesville, Pa., to the Masonic Hall, located on Main Street, Coatesville, Pa.

September 4, 1926. To Samuel C. Perkins Royal Arch Chapter, No. 209, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., to the Hauck Building, 31 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

October 4, 1926. To Delta Royal Arch Chapter, No. 170, of New Castle, Pa., to the West Lodge Room, Scottish Rite Cathedral, East Lincoln Avenue, New Castle, Pa.

May 8, 1926. Permission was granted to Arnold Royal Arch Chapter, No. 254, of Port Allegany, Pa., to hold a meeting in celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary on June 8, 1926, in the Auditorium of Port Allegany, Pa., after being satisfied said room was suitable for a place of meeting of a Royal Arch Chapter and complied with the requirements of the Constitution.

Dispensations Granted.

January 6, 1926. To Germantown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 208, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

January 23, 1926. To Delta Royal Arch Chapter, No. 170, to confer the Degree of Royal Arch Mason upon a candidate without waiting the period of time required by the Constitution.

March 19, 1926. To Pottstown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 271, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

Waivers of Jurisdiction.

I have granted waivers of Jurisdiction requested, as follows:

Delaware, one.
Maryland, thirty-three.
New Jersey, eight.
New York, five.
Ohio, ten.

I have requested and received waivers of Jurisdiction, as follows:

New Jersey, three.
New York, one.

Requests to Confer Degrees.

Refused request of Chapter No. 11, of Colorado, to confer the Capitular Degrees on one of its members, inasmuch as he had not received the Past Master's Degree. To have granted this request would have been contrary to our Constitution—Sec. 26, Article XII, page 23.

A request was received from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey to authorize Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter, No. 162, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon a member of Three-Times-Three Chapter, No. 162, Royal Arch Masons, of Trenton, N. J. This candidate having received the Past Master's Degree in a New Jersey Royal Arch Chapter, I was pleased to authorize Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter, No. 162, to confer the Royal Arch Degree on him.

A request was received from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio to authorize Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter, No. 185, of Scranton,

Pa., to confer the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees upon a member of Hiram Chapter, No. 181, Royal Arch Masons, of Massillon, Ohio. This candidate having received the Past Master's Degree in an Ohio Royal Arch Chapter, I was pleased to authorize Lackawanna Royal Arch Chapter, No. 185, to confer the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees on him.

APPOINTMENTS.

During the year I made the following appointments:

Grand Chapter.

September 11, 1926. Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, to be District Deputy Grand High Priest of District No. 19, vice Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, deceased.

Grand Representative.

September 1, 1926. Companion JOSEPH T. MEADORS, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Here I venture to ask you to stop with me for a gaze at the real vital power, a blending of ancient traditions and modern endeavor, an open service that gives the work which we do for others additional vigor and efficiency because it is a work of love and pleasure no less than duty. But, mere words fail to paint the service and perfect co-operation of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY. My love and admiration for him and for his helpfulness knows no bounds. Our

> "Friendship like a noble river
> Rolls its peaceful waters by;
> Tempest tossed and troubled never,
> Gliding to eternity."

Secretaries.

Last year the Secretaries of the various Chapters were requested to meet the Grand Secretary at the District Meetings. This plan was most helpful in bringing about a better understanding of the requirements of the Grand Secretary's Office and more complete co-operation with the Grand Secretary. This year the Secretaries were all invited to attend the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, in Philadelphia, when the many details of the Grand Secretary's Office and the requirements and duties of a Secretary were fully explained. These meetings and conferences were most beneficial.

The Grand Secretary informs me that the Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters show a marked improvement in making their monthly returns of petitioners, approvals, rejections, suspensions, restorations and deaths, with dates on which degrees were conferred. He states there are but a few Secretaries who fail to make their reports within the time required. Promptness in sending in the monthly returns is very essential, so that the Chapter may know that there is nothing on the record against a petitioner. Secretaries should use care in preparing copy for the monthly notice, and see that the name, age, occupation, residence and Lodge number are exactly the same as reported on the monthly return. Care and promptness in these matters will avoid having the action of a Chapter declared null and void.

Concerning General Returns, giving a summary of the work done during the year, containing a financial statement of the amount owing by the Chapter to Grand Chapter for the year 1925, due on or before December 27 of that year, he reports that more than 50 per cent. of them were late, thus causing delay in getting out the Proceedings. From these reports the Grand Secretary takes the figures to make up the statistical report printed in the Proceedings

for the year. The General Return, being a report by the Secretary of the transactions of the Chapter, should not be delayed for examination by the Auditing Committee or for check covering the dues and fees owing Grand Chapter. The Auditing Committee have nothing to do with the General Return.

In reference to the Returns of members of Chapters who are members of Grand Chapter and entitled to vote therein, to be made by the Secretary on or before November 15, the Grand Secretary informs me there were twenty-five late, two of the twenty-five not having been received in time to be bound with the other returns. These returns are checked and bound in book form, to be used as a voting list in Grand Chapter.

I wish to congratulate the Secretaries for the work they have done and improvement made in many instances. I extend to each and every Secretary my fullest appreciation and sincere thanks for the co-operation given me during my term of office. I feel that the matters to which I have referred may be easily remedied by a little closer attention to Grand Chapter laws, rules and regulations. The Constitution of 1923 not only sets forth the matter and manner of what Secretaries of Chapters must report to the Grand Secretary, but is explicit as to the time within which the reports must be made, and I trust that my successor may be able to report a year hence that all Secretaries have met every Constitutional requirement.

One of the causes of annoyance in my office, and in the office of the Grand Secretary, is the failure of those to whom communications are sent to reply promptly. Should they not have the information at hand for immediate reply we would appreciate at least an acknowledgment of the receipt of the communication.

District Deputies.

Much of the power and responsibility of the Grand High Priest is transmitted through the District Deputies. They constitute an important factor in the government of Grand Chapter. They should know the ritual; they should know the law; they should be diplomats.

Franklin, the Mason, and the greatest of our diplomats, tells us of a text of scripture which passed through his mind when he was presented at the Court of Versailles. It was a text his father used to quote him in the old candle shop in Boston when he was a boy.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before Kings."

The Grand High Priest has been most fortunate in having Deputies who measure up to these standards. They are learned in the ritual and the law, they are diplomats and diligent, and I am very grateful to them for their loyalty and co-operation.

Grand Chaplains.

The records of the year would be incomplete without special mention of our Grand Chaplains. They have given most generously of their time, attending not only the communications of Grand Chapter, but also the District Meetings and stated meetings of individual Chapters. There they have expounded the spirit of the lessons we teach, bringing to the Companions some new thought and some new inspiration, helpful to all in trying to become better Masons and better citizens. We are most grateful for their zeal and fidelity, for their splendid work in the vineyard of Capitular service.

Instructors.

In his inaugural address on March 4, 1921, our beloved Companion, the late President Harding, said: "Service is

the supreme commitment of life. I would rejoice to proclaim the era of the golden rule and crown it with the autocracy of service."

PRESIDENT HARDING must have had in mind the character of service rendered Grand Chapter and the Companions of subordinate Chapters by our Instructors in the Capitular Schools. Days and nights of self-sacrificing devotion and untiring efforts given without stint have been of inestimable value in helping to bring the ritualistic work up to its present high degree of perfection. No group of Companions better represent the autocracy of service so beautifully expressed by PRESIDENT HARDING. No group receives less acclaim, for day by day they work with great diligence. They wear no crown upon their heads, but they are crowned in our hearts, with our sincere appreciation for their splendid service, and recognized as true workers in the autocracy of Capitular service.

Our Fraternity rests on belief in God, and all Freemasonry grows out of 'that belief. Divine teachings and divine principles enter into the very warp and woof of its construction. It is not a religion in the sense that it is interested in creeds, but it is a religion in the sense that it believes in religious ideas and religious ideals. It is not a religion in the sense that it sets out to accomplish the salvation of the soul. It is a religion in the sense that it sets out to accomplish the betterment of human kind.

Free Masonry in general and Royal Arch Masonry in particular is no stranger in the realm of spiritual values. It does not lose itself in the maze of mere things. Every true Mason hears the call from the things that are to the things that are to be. The plumb, the level and the square and the other implements of operative Masons speak to him of far more noble and glorious things than the raising of mere piles of stones, however grand and majestic they

may be. Masonry looks from the building of King Solomon's Temple to the building of the spiritual temple; from that architectural pile raised on Mount Moriah by the combined labor and skill of many thousands of operative Masons to that spiritual temple built by the combined labor and zeal and fidelity of millions of those who have caught the spirit and are true to the purpose of Free Masonry. Its emphasis on the moral and spiritual tends to make everyone who yields himself to its molding influence a better man, and a better citizen of both this world and the world to come.

Masonry is not political in the sense in which you and I may be partisan, but I do maintain there is a close relationship between Masonry and good citizenship to which our Craft must give attention if it is to fulfill its highest mission. A Mason who is not interested in the affairs of the State is an anomaly. A good Mason is in duty bound to preserve the Ancient Landmarks of Free Masonry. He is no less in duty bound to preserve the ancient landmarks of American Democracy.

James Russell Lowell said:

"Democracy, you must remember, lays a heavier burden on the individual conscience than any other form of government."

There is no machine of human construction into which the wit and genius of man has entered that can go of itself without supervision. There are no wheels that will revolve without our help, except the great wheels of the constellations, or that great circle of the sun which has its hand upon the dial plate, and which was made by a hand much less fallible than ours.

In conclusion, therefore, let me say a true Masonic life is a life of service—service to God, service to our fellow man, service to our ancient landmarks, service to our country, under whose sheltering flag we live."

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Most Excellent Grand King.

Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

My Dear Companions of Grand Chapter:

In taking up the sceptre of Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, I do so with a heart o'erflowing with gratitude for the honor conferred, and the confidence you have reposed in me, and I reiterate and repeat what I have said before, I shall give to you the best service there is in me, considering the limitations which the Great Creator has placed upon my abilities.

It is with fear and trembling that I assume this great office and undertake the guidance of an army of sixty

thousand loyal Royal Arch Masons; not, however, fearing the labor that must necessarily attend these duties, but the enormous responsibility resting upon me to preserve and maintain the high standard set by my illustrious predecessors, and the fear that by some unwitting act of mine that standard might be lowered.

In this I am comforted and encouraged by the fact that for the past four years I have been under the careful tutelage of Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion JOHN M. CORE and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, who have afforded me every opportunity, conferred upon me many honors and used their best endeavors to instruct and enlighten me in the care of the Royal Craft. My everlasting thanks are eminently due, and hereby tendered them.

It is my belief that the business affairs of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania were never in better condition than at the present time. It is also my opinion, founded upon personal experience, that the present high standard of efficiency in the work of the subordinate Chapters is due in a great measure to the wise and judicious system of district meetings or visitations, inaugurated by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, carried on by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion JOHN M. CORE, and brought to its present peak of perfection by our dearly beloved Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE P. DARROW. Therefore, until some good Companion can show me a better way, I shall to the best of my ability carry on this great work. It certainly is beneficial, if for no other reason than affording the Companions an opportunity of getting together, touching of elbows, and the exchange of feelings and expressions.

It shall be my aim to further cultivate and encourage the very friendly and cordial relations now existing between

the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and those of other Jurisdictions. The interchange of visitations by the Grand Officers have proven so pleasant and instructive in the past that it is my opinion that to meet with such good fellows, dignified, serious men of sense, can only result in great benefit.

I appreciate that I shall be somewhat handicapped in the personal performance of the detail work in the office, owing to the distance of three hundred forty miles from my home to this city. However, I want to assure you, my dear Companions, that in my absence from the office, the detail work will be in charge of that most efficient, careful and watchful Most Excellent Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY and his efficient assistant Companion KITSELMAN, who will render you all the service that I could were I present.

It is my earnest hope and prayer that there will be no occasion for disciplinary measures on my part. However, if such should become necessary they will be administered firmly, but with no spirit of revenge or punishment, and only with the single thought of correction, to uphold the dignity and supremacy of Grand Chapter and secure the greatest good to the greatest number.

Upon the very efficient corps of District Deputy Grand High Priests which I have appointed, I shall rely for information as to the wants and necessities of the Craft in their respective Districts, realizing that from this source only can I be in close touch with the conditions in each District.

In conclusion, I fully appreciate that without your hearty support and co-operation I shall be powerless to carry on the great work in which we are engaged. I therefore implore you, Companions, to give to me that hearty undivided

support. Let us become one band of brothers among whom no contention shall ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who can best work and best agree. I shall at all times welcome any suggestions, and assure you that they shall have prompt and careful consideration. I ask you to be charitable in your criticisms, and merciful in judgment.

The past history of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania inspires, and its future beckons, with a glorious past impelling us onward to a still more glorious future. Let us resolve each to do his part in carrying out the great work in which we are engaged, the promotion of the brotherhood of man; ever remembering the admonition of Holy Writ:

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not!"

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the

APPOINTMENTS:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of Chapter No. 248, Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, 307 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Chapter No. 240, Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE, of Chapter No. 208, Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250, 308 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Chapter No. 190, Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery

(except Chapters Nos. 262 and 271), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of Chapter No. 262, Ardmore, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, of Chapter No. 237, Reading, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon, and Chapter No. 271, of Montgomery County.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of Chapter No. 199, York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Chapter No. 203, Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh and Pike, and Chapter No. 295, of Northampton County.

6. Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, of Chapter No. 185, Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Chapter No. 182, Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters Nos. 161 and 293 of Bradford County, and Chapter No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of Chapter No. 196, Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill, and Chapter No. 264, of Northumberland County.

9. Companion WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD, of Chapter No. 246, Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland (except Chapter No. 264), Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chapter No. 176, Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion ROY C. STORMER, of Chapter No. 195, Johnstown, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Miffiin.

12. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, of Chapter No. 222, Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapter No. 261, of Bradford County, and Chapter No. 228, of Clearfield County.

13. Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, of Chapter No. 230, Ridgway, for the Counties of Elk and McKean (except Chapter No. 254), and Chapter No. 227, of Cameron County.

14. Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of Chapter No. 263, Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter No. 254, of McKean County.

15. Companion RUSSELL RUDOLPH, of Chapter No. 247, Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson, and Chapter No. 311, of Westmoreland County.

16. Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, of Chapter No. 297, Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 217, 257, 268, 286, 288, 297 and 299, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion JAMES W. MYERS, of Chapter No. 312, Crafton, for Chapters Nos. 280, 300, 305 and 312, of Allegheny County, and Chapters Nos. 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Chapter No. 282, Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 282, 285, 289, 303 and 306, of Allegheny County; Chapter No. 249, of Washington County, and Chapter No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, of Chapter No. 165, Uniontown, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapters Nos. 290 and 311).

20. Companion CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, of Chapter No. 244, Sharon, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Chapter No. 215, Erie, for the Counties of Crawford (except Chapter No. 207) and Erie.

22. Companion WILLIAM F. BENNETT, of Chapter No. 235, Warren, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

23. Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, of Chapter No. 274, Bangor, for the Counties of Monroe and Northampton (except Chapter No. 295).

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Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, of Chapter No. 52.

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Grand Master of Second Vail.

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Grand Tyler.

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Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, recognized Companion FREEMAN I. LOTT, Past High Priest and Secretary of Warren R. A. Chapter, No. 180, of Montrose, who, in a pleasing address, stated that he had been commissioned to personally notify Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, that he had been unanimously elected an honorary member of Warren R. A. Chapter, No. 180, and on behalf of the Chapter presented to him a beautifully engrossed certificate. Companion DARROW, in his graceful manner, expressed to Companion LOTT and the Companions of Chapter No. 180 his sincere appreciation for this tribute of love and esteem from his Companions.

A communication was received announcing the death of a distinguished Companion as follows:

R. E. Companion JAMES BRANTON BLANKS, Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, died November 7, 1926.

Grand Chapter closed in peace at nine o'clock thirty minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quimby
Grand Secretary.

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
HORACE L. SKILES.....	No. 43	Jan. 10, 1926
WILLIAM H. APPLETON...	" 52	April 3, 1926
J. THOMAS MOORE.....	" 52	June 23, 1926
JOSEPH MARTIN	" 91	May 1, 1926
HUNTER HENNINGER ...	" 152	Dec. 15, 1925
SIGISMUND V. HUBER....	" 152	April 8, 1926
URIAH MILLARD.....	" 152	Oct. 9, 1926
JOHN N. CALIFF.....	" 161	Aug. 11, 1926
BENJAMIN F. MOYER.....	" 162	Aug. 10, 1926
PHILIP S. KIFT.....	" 163	May 2, 1926
JOHN R. STEVENSON.....	" 163	June 16, 1926
MOSES B. SLOAN.....	" 167	Dec. 25, 1925
ALFRED C. HURST.....	" 167	May 3, 1926
ANDREW SMITH PATE...	" 167	May 30, 1926
THOMAS W. McQUAID.....	" 170	Dec. 23, 1925
JAMES H. JORDAN.....	" 170	Mar. 9, 1926
OTIS F. CONNELLY.....	" 171	Feb. 13, 1926
OSCAR H. KENNEDY.....	" 172	Jan. 6, 1926
ASA S. KEELER.....	" 172	Aug. 18, 1926
WM. SEMPLE SEMPLE....	" 173	Nov. 2, 1926
B. FRANKLIN SIEGERT...	" 173	Nov. 14, 1926
BENJAMIN E. BEAVAN...	" 175	Oct. 25, 1926
JOSEPH A. GUITERMAN..	" 178	June 17, 1926
SUMNER D. DAVIS.....	" 179	April 10, 1926
JAMES BRADY	" 182	Feb. 2, 1926
JAMES A. FLEMING.....	" 182	April 15, 1926
JOHN K. RAY.....	" 189	Feb. 13, 1926
JOHN HENRY LAPE.....	" 189	May 10, 1926
AMBROSE B. UMSTEAD..	" 190	Nov. 28, 1925
JOHN D. GOODWIN.....	" 191	Sept. 16, 1926
JOHN CHRISTIAN BUCHER	" 197	Sept. 6, 1926
IRA HENRY SPANGLER...	" 197	Oct. 7, 1926
N. SARGENT ROSS.....	" 199	Mar. 3, 1926

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Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
ROBERT C. CLARKE.....	" 200	Jan. 7, 1926
HENRY D. REINERS.....	" 201	July 23, 1926
GEORGE BOAL ORLADY...	" 201	Sept. 9, 1926
CHARLES J. CRAIG.....	" 203	Sept. 21, 1926
WILLANDER A. DEAN.....	" 205	Nov. 3, 1925
HARRY GOLDSMITH.....	" 206	Dec. 27, 1925
DAVID ELLIS.....	" 206	Feb. 13, 1926
HARRY F. HAWKINS.....	" 206	Oct. 26, 1926
LYMAN FELHEIM.....	" 215	Jan. 21, 1926
WILLIAM J. PARKER.....	" 217	Mar. 9, 1926
WILLIAM H. HAMILTON..	" 217	July 18, 1926
ALEXANDER H. INGRAM.	" 223	Mar. 20, 1926
ROBERT A. WALKER.....	" 223	Aug. 27, 1926
JOHN WESTERMAN.....	" 224	Sept. 10, 1926
JOHN W. REED.....	" 225	Mar. 4, 1926
WILLIAM G. BELL.....	" 225	Aug. 26, 1926
JOHN F. DAVIES.....	" 226	June 7, 1926
WILLIAM J. MORAN.....	" 226	June 28, 1926
EDWIN K. BORIE.....	" 226	Oct. 30, 1926
BENJAMIN F. CHASE.....	" 228	Nov. 23, 1925
THOMAS H. CLAFFEY....	" 230	May 12, 1926
JAMES S. MILLER.....	" 230	Sept. 8, 1926
WILLIAM H. WEBB.....	" 232	Mar. 6, 1926
HARRY L. HORST.....	" 232	April 22, 1926
CHARLES STINSON.....	" 233	Dec. 27, 1925
WILLIAM LINDENFELSER	" 233	Jan. 14, 1926
EDWARD E. BANGS.....	" 233	Jan. 18, 1926
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH...	" 234	Jan. 15, 1926
VERNON LE ROY RUPP..	" 234	Aug. 11, 1926
MELVIN WARE WATSON..	" 238	Nov. 25, 1925
T. WORCESTER WORRELL	" 240	Mar. 4, 1926
WILLIAM I. HIBBS.....	" 242	Feb. 10, 1926
RICHARD PAPE	" 243	Mar. 16, 1926

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Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
HARRY M. RUSSELL.....	" 243	May 15, 1926
JOHN C. OWSLEY.....	" 244	July 10, 1926
M. YODER LEINBACH.....	" 246	Mar. 26, 1926
SAMUEL B. MORGAN.....	" 246	Aug. 10, 1926
WILLIAM F. RUPP.....	" 247	July 22, 1926
MAURICE J. FREEMAN....	" 248	Mar. 24, 1926
GEORGE W. COOPER.....	" 249	Nov. 7, 1926
CHARLES H. WETZEL.....	" 250	April 15, 1925
ROBERT LITTLEHALES...	" 252	Feb. 6, 1926
H. OSCAR KLINE.....	" 255	Mar. 6, 1926
WILLIAM F. MELHUISH...	" 257	Mar. 26, 1926
HENRY H. ARNOLD.....	" 257	June 18, 1926
JOSEPH H. HINKSON.....	" 258	Feb. 14, 1926
GEORGE YONKERS	" 259	May 1926
GEORGE PATON	" 260	Mar. 4, 1926
JOHN E. DOBBINS.....	" 261	Nov. 11, 1926
JOSEPH DYSON.....	" 262	Nov. 14, 1926
EDWARD W. IMHOFF.....	" 268	April 29, 1926
GEORGE W. McNEIL.....	" 268	July 25, 1926
WILLIAM H. VAUX.....	" 270	Nov. 27, 1926
TIMOTHY SHIVE.....	" 271	Feb. 25, 1926
MORRIS C. RUTT.....	" 274	Jan. 21, 1926
LAWRENCE A. BOWERS...	" 275	Sept. 8, 1926
GEORGE W. GLEASON....	" 276	June 6, 1926
GEORGE W. GALLAGHER.	" 283	Dec. 16, 1925
JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.....	" 283	July 5, 1926
GEORGE S. MacLAURIN...	" 284	Jan. 13, 1926
SAMUEL WHIT. PROSSER.	" 289	Jan. 4, 1926
HARRY R. CLINGER.....	" 298	June 25, 1926
JESSE C. ENGLE.....	" 300	June 10, 1926

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

	Annual Convocation.	
Alberta	March	John M. Core, P. G. H. P.
Alabama	December	
Arizona	February	
Arkansas	November	
British Columbia	June	
California	April	
Canada	February	
Colorado	September	
Connecticut	May	
Delaware	January	
District of Columbia	February	
England	May	
England and Wales	December	
England, Grand Mark Lodge	June	
Florida	May	H. Franklin Brossman.
General Grand Chapter	September	
Georgia	April	
Idaho	May	
Illinois	October	
Indiana	October	
Iowa	June	
Ireland	December	
Kansas	February	
Kentucky	October	
Louisiana	February	
Maine	May	
Manitoba	February	

Maryland	December	Edward W. Rushton.
Massachusetts	December	
Michigan	May	
Minnesota	October	
Mississippi	February	
Missouri	April	
Montana	September	
Nebraska	December	
Nevada	June	
New Brunswick	August	
New Hampshire	May	
New Jersey	May	

New Mexico	February	Harry J. Bell.
New South Wales	February	
New York	February	
North Carolina	May	
North Dakota	January	
Nova Scotia	June	
Ohio	October	
Oklahoma	April	
Oregon	April	
Quebec	March	
Rhode Island	March	
Saskatchewan	February	
Scotland	Quarterly	
South Carolina	April	

South Dakota	June	Eli Edmundson, Jr.
Tennessee	January	
Texas	November	
Utah	May	
Vermont	June	
Victoria	April	
Virginia	October	
Washington	May	
West Virginia	November	
Wisconsin	February	
Wyoming	July	

The "Passing to the Chair" as a Pre-requisite for Petitioning for Capitular Degrees in Pennsylvania.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, in December last, there was adopted an amendment to the Constitution changing the requirements of petitioners for the Capitular degrees.

Heretofore, in addition to the qualification of being an affiliated Master Mason, the petitioner was required to have been regularly "Passed to the Chair" in his Blue Lodge. Outside of those Brethren who had actually served as Worshipful Masters of their Lodges the other Brethren desirous of advancement applied for a dispensation to be "passed to the Chair." This was granted by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, who sent the Dispensation to the Secretary of the Lodge of which the Brother was a member. The Lodge then by a vote (majority only) agreed to act upon it, when the Brother was regularly "passed to the Chair" by the same ceremony as a Master by election was installed. This has led to much confusion, and in some cases to positive embarrassment. For a number of years there has been a growing sentiment among Capitular Masons that the so-called Past Master's degree has no place in the Capitular work, either as a pre-requisite for petitioning the Chapter or in the Chapter itself. It is purely an installation ceremony belonging exclusively to the Blue Lodge.

Acting on this theory, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has now abolished it as pre-requisite for petitioning for the Capitular degrees.

We are well aware that many will criticize us, and wonder why such a condition so long existed. Well, that is a long story. Originally in Pennsylvania, as elsewhere, the Royal Arch degree was conferred by virtue of a Blue Lodge warrant. In fact, we followed the English precedent, where

we are well persuaded that originally it was conferred as a part of the Master's Degree. Later, as the number of Royal Arch Masons grew, having been made under authority of the Lodge warrants, a Grand Chapter was formed (the first in the United States). This was formed under the supervision of Grand Lodge. Later, when the Constitution was adopted under agreement with Grand Lodge, the first three degrees, and "the passing to the Chair" was expressly reserved to Grand Lodge. This is probably the reason that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has never had in its system anything resembling the "Past Master's degree."

The amendment now adopted places the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in the same position as the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in many respects in the same position as the Grand Chapter of England. Of course the Grand Chapter of England has no Mark degree or Most Excellent Master Mason's degree, while the Grand Chapter of Canada has both.

The question may arise what the Companions from Pennsylvania will do when visiting sister Jurisdictions. This will be for each Jurisdiction to decide for itself. Possibly they may only require the visiting Companion who has not received the Past Master's degree to retire while it is being conferred. While we have no authoritative decisions on that point, a number of Grand Officers who are frequent visitors at the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania have indicated their private opinion that such would be the course pursued.

This action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has not been taken hastily, but only after careful consideration, and consultation with the Officers of all the other Grand bodies in any way affected by our action.

In closing this we cannot refrain from quoting from ALBERT G. MACKEY'S Encyclopedia. Under the head of Past Master, he says:—

"The degree is also conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, where it succeeds the Mark Master's degree. The conferring of this degree, which has no historical connection with the rest of the degrees, in a Chapter arises from the following circumstance: Originally when Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry were under the government of Lodges, in which the degree was always conferred, it was a part of the regulations that no one could receive the Royal Arch Degree unless he had previously presided in the Lodge as Master. When the Chapters became independent the regulation could not be abolished, for that would have been an innovation; the difficulty has, therefore, been obviated, by making every candidate for the degree of Royal Arch a Past Master before his exaltation.

"Some extraneous ceremonies, by no means creditable to their inventor, were at an early date introduced into this country. In 1856, the General Grand Chapter, by a unanimous vote, ordered these ceremonies to be discontinued, and the simpler mode of investiture used; but the order has only been partially obeyed, and many Chapters still continue what one can scarcely help calling the indecorous form of initiation into the degree.

"For several years past the question has been agitated in some of the Grand Lodges of the United States whether this degree is within the jurisdiction of symbolic or Royal Arch Masonry. The explanation of its introduction into Chapters, just given, manifestly demonstrates that the jurisdiction over it by the Chapters is altogether an assumed one. The Past Master of a Chapter is only a quasi Past Master; the true and legitimate Past Master is the one who has presided over a symbolic Lodge."

J. M. C.

ALABAMA.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was held in the city of Montgomery, November 30, 1925. All Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives from seventy-six Chapters present. Pennsylvania represented by Companion WOOLSEY FINNELL, Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand High Priest's address gives a very complete resumé of the state of Capitular Masonry in Alabama, and some excellent advice. He reports that the system of Inspectors has not apparently worked well. That the small and isolated Chapters are neglected, and expresses the hope that the Grand Chapter will soon see the way clear to have a Grand Lecturer. No visits by the M. E. Grand High Priest to subordinate Chapters are reported. Many Grand High Priests have found this an excellent method of reviving interest in backward Chapters. If the Companions of a small Chapter find that the Grand High Priest or other Grand Officer have interest enough in the Chapter to visit it, they take on a new interest and try themselves to assist in spreading Masonic light.

Several decisions are reported based on the Constitution. One struck as particularly sound.

> "I ruled that it was improper and subversive of the best interests of the Craft to offer any kind of fee or reward for securing petitions."

The Grand High Priest regrets that the returns show a slight loss in the membership for the year (net loss 104).

A dispensation for one new Chapter is reported, also a dispensation to reorganize a dormant Chapter. Eleven dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees reported. We notice that four of these dispensations were issued to one Chapter. It seems to have gotten to be a habit.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $17,785.79. It would seem that they could afford a Grand Lecturer. He would more than pay his way and earn his salary.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 1025 Exalted, 190 reinstated and 138 affiliated. Loss, 1457 (suspended for n. p. d. 1085); net loss, 104. Membership, 15,384.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE.

Companion LEE says in his opening, that

"it was most gratifying to note the efforts being put forth to place the Holy Royal Arch in its proper place, and minimize as far as possible the tendency to divert it to a burlesque rather than give it the dignity to which it is so justly entitled."

He reviews fifty-three Jurisdictions (two of them double headers) in a most interesting manner. If we had not already written our review of a number of them we would be tempted to grab the scissors and paste pot and thus lighten our labors, much to the edification of the Companions of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania for 1924 is accorded a very fraternal review.

Companion JOHN B. BETHA, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

ALBERTA.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held in Edmonton, March 17 and 18, 1926.

Twenty-five of the twenty-seven warranted Chapters were represented, as well as many other Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania was not represented.

An eloquent address of welcome was delivered by Right Rev. H. A. GRAY, Bishop of Edmonton, a member of North Star R. A. Chapter, No. 2, of Edmonton. He welcomed the Companions of Grand Chapter with this admonition:

"I welcome you with this admonition, all around the world's circumference unrest is to be found, and if we are to emerge from this period of efflux into a higher level of living, to a higher type of manhood, to something in the nature of a civilization that will not crumble such as the civilization we have just lost, then I think you have a mighty part to play, and that part will not be played merely by the regularity with which you attend Lodge; that part will not be played merely by the preciseness with which you are able to recite the ritual of your Lodge, but it will be played most by the way you are able to impress through yourselves as the master key upon that moving crowd of humanity, the impress of the ideals and the levels to which you as Royal Arch Masons are committed."

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, and after they had assembled about the Altar, the Grand First Principal welcomed them as ambassadors from their different Jurisdictions. A fitting reply was made on behalf of the Representatives by Companion F. S. SELWOOD, Grand Representative of Maine.

The Grand First Principal, in his address, recounted the activities of the year. He admonishes the Scribes E. (Secretaries) of the subordinate Chapters to study well the Constitution, so they may have a working knowledge of the law governing Capitular Masonry. He notes that there is complaint of non-attendance and lack of interest in some of the Chapters (not a new complaint by any means), and advises improvement in the ritualistic work as one of the remedies. He says:

"There are few things accomplished in life without preparation. Why destroy the Utopian conception of Royal Arch Masonry as retained on the mind of the initiates by ludicrous representations? It is an irreparable loss both to the candidate and the Craft. The focus of his receptive mind has been perverted from the sublime to the ridiculous. We cannot raise men to a higher plane than our own level; neither can we have good successful Chapters unless we are enthusiastic ourselves. I sometimes think we are in need of a new vision, because it is of paramount importance that the candidate for exaltation be imbued with a deep sense of reverence for the Order; that he may absorb all the divine lessons of humanity, and thereby become a better citizen in consequence of his acceptance as a Royal Arch Mason."

He made a number of recommendations, among them being that all Chapters following the moon schedule amend their by-laws making their monthly Convocations a fixed date instead of a movable feast. That the subordinate Chapters be urged to compile a history of their early beginings for the benefit of those to come after.

No dispensations to "hurry," but one refused to attend Divine service in full Masonic clothing. Space will not permit me giving the entire conclusion of his address, but this was the keynote:

"He is not a Mason who is one outwardly. The formal right to display the Square and Compasses, the Keystone, the splendid regalia with which your confidence honors us, the mere possession of signs and words—none or all these together make a Mason. If I read it aright, Masonry is a spirit of which these things are convenient emblems. The reverence for God as the creator and upholder of the universe; the love of Him as the Father of our spirits; the sympathy and affection for one another as Brothers; the exercise of kindness, mercy and goodness, the love of square dealing, and the hope of immortality. These, I think, are the essence of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Grand Scribe E. submits an excellent report. Initiations, 170; affiliations, 37; restorations, 6; errors, 2; total, 215. Losses, 127; net gain, 88. Present membership (De-

cember 31, 1925), 2840. Number of warranted Chapters, 27.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by a Committee of three, of which Companion J. E. JOHNSON is Chairman. The different Grand Jurisdictions are all reviewed briefly, but very carefully, many excellent observations being culled, and the real meat of the proceedings placed before the Companions for their instruction. Pennsylvania for 1924 is accorded a fraternal notice, and attention called to the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in removing a High Priest who failed to learn the work. It is quoted with approval.

M. E. Companion E. G. IRONSIDES, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion C. R. WENTZEL, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

ARIZONA.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Arizona was held in Tucson, February 9, 1926.

All the Grand Officers present except the Principal Sojourner, and fourteen Past Grand High Priests. Representatives of eleven Chapters. The Grand High Priest of California was also present. Pennsylvania's Grand Representative, Companion ELMER HODGSON COMBS, was present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion N. C. BLEDSO, submitted a fine report. He says:

"While we cannot show any gains for the year, still I believe there is a revival of interest in Capitular Masonry, and I can readily foresee a more substantial and appreciative membership."

He visited eight of the eleven Chapters during his term of office. This may not seem like a large number of

visits, but when we consider the great distances necessarily traveled it looks very much greater. He also visited the Grand Chapter of California, or rather held a joint meeting with the Grand High Priest of California on the border line of the two Jurisdictions.

Owing to the failure of a State bank in which the funds of the Grand Chapter were deposited, they are having some temporary financial trouble, which leads him to recommend that Grand Chapter take some action to prevent a repetition of the occurrence.

He recommends that at each Annual Convocation a Chapter be designated to exemplify how the degrees are conferred in that Chapter. A very good recommendation.

Among the appointments we note Companion JOHN E. CHEESEMAN to be Grand Representative of Arizona near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

No correspondence report.

M. E. Companion HARRY ARIZONA DRACHMAN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

ARKANSAS.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, was held in Little Rock, November 19, 1925, with all Grand Officers present except the Grand Chaplain, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, and Pennsylvania's Grand Representative.

M. E. Companion FIELDING H. HARRIS, Grand High Priest, in his Annual Address gives a complete resumé of

the work of Grand Chapter for the year. He issued a number of dispensations, one to a man who had not resided in the State the time required by the Constitution. We do not find that the Committee on Jurisprudence took any notice of this dispensation. In speaking of his dispensations he says:

"I have been convinced that heroic measures were necessary, particularly with reference to receiving and acting on petitions."

We agree that a dispensation to set aside a constitutional requirement is a heroic measure.

The charters of three Chapters were arrested, and no new charters, or dispensations to form Chapters issued. He made several recommendations. One that the fees for initiation be payable in installments as the Degrees were conferred. This recommendation was not agreed to. He reported that he found Chapters with dues of $1.00, and recommended that a minimum of $2.00 be adopted, which was done. He recommended that the number of Districts be increased, which was done, and six Districts were created to take the place of the four already in existence. He calls attention to the fact that the net gain in membership for the year is only three. He certainly was very active during the year, and while the increase was not as much as he deserved, yet we feel that others will reap where he has sown. His work is not lost.

The M. E. Grand Secretary's report shows 612 Exaltations, but against this is suspension for n.p.d. 592, and the corrected returns show a net loss of 29. Present membership, 8047.

The Foreign Correspondence review is by M. E. Past Grand High Priest MARK P. OLNEY, which, to those of us who have had the privilege of reading his reviews from year to year, means an excellent review.

He says in his foreword:

"An effort is being made by the General Grand Chapter to secure the affiliation of such Grand Chapters as are not members of the General Grand Chapter, so that the General Grand Chapter will have supreme jurisdiction over the United States."

Now that is real news. We wonder if Virginia has heard the glad tidings. This is the first intimation we in Pennsylvania have had. From the observation of an innocent by-stander it has seemed that the General Grand had about all it could manage to keep some of those already within the fold, from "jumping the reservation."

Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review and a beautiful tribute paid to M. E. Past Grand High Priest MEREDITH, Chairman of our Committee on Correspondence.

Companion HUNTER D. BOWERS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN C. BONE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Eight Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of British Columbia was held in Victoria, June 16, 1926.

The Grand Chapter met under depressing conditions. M. E. Grand Z. Companion JOHN GRIDLEY GAMON having been called home ere his term of office as Grand First Principal had ended.

The end came suddenly, April 21, 1926. Under the Constitution the immediate Past First Grand Principal, Companion F. C. BIRD, became the Acting First Grand Principal.

Immediately after opening Grand Chapter a beautiful Memorial Service was held in memory of the First Grand Principal, Companion GAMON. A hymn, "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past," was sung. Prayer by R. E. Companion Rev. Dr. S. FEA, a memorial address by M. E. Companion H. H. WATSON, and then the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," with the benediction by Companion Rev. Dr. FEA.

Acting Grand Z. M. E. Companion BIRD then presented the Annual Address. This of course, was made up largely of the work of M. E. Companion GAMON.

The most striking thing is the refusal of requests by M. E. Companion GAMON to hold Chapter meetings at places other than those named in the warrant; to confer degrees at places other than the regular place of meeting; to waive residential qualifications of petitioners. His refusals all appear to us sound, and our wish is that his successors may follow in his footsteps.

Seven official visits are reported, which, considering the impaired health of the First Grand Principal, speaks loud of his devotion to duty.

The reports of the Superintendents of the different Districts are full and complete and show a great amount of really constructive work.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts show a balance of $2188.41 in his hands. This is very fine for so young a Grand Chapter. In addition they have a charity fund investment of $1500.00.

The Grand Scribe E. reports that all Chapters have made their Annual Returns in good shape and on time. There are twenty-two warranted Chapters and two working under dispensation. There were 175 exaltations—Membership, December 31, 1925, 2630, a net gain of 81 for the year.

The Committee on Warranted Chapters recommended that warrants be issued to the two Chapters under dispensation. This recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter.

The report on Correspondence is by R. E. Companion J. W. PRESCOTT, Grand Scribe E. It is his seventh—so he may be called an experienced Correspondent. His report bears that out. He reviews fifty Jurisdictions, some for 1925 and some for 1926.

Speaking of brevity under Arkansas, Companion PRESCOTT very wisely observes that it is all very well from an economic point of view, but it may be overdone, and in that way cause a lack of information.

Pennsylvania, for 1925, is accorded two pages of very fraternal review. He evidently read our Proceedings very carefully. He notes the absence of Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, Grand Representative of British Columbia near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, at the Quarterly Communication in December, 1925. We think we can explain Judge UMBEL'S absence. He was just recovering from a very serious major operation. The writer was with him daily in the hospital, and for several days grave fears were entertained of his ultimate recovery. However we are very glad to report that he did recover, and has not missed a meeting of Grand Chapter since. No Grand Chapter is more faithfully represented in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania than the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. We note that Pennsylvania is always represented in British Columbia by Companion BIRD.

M. E. Companion THOMAS H. CAREY, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion JOHN W. PRESCOTT, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

CALIFORNIA.

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held in San Francisco, April 20, 1926.

The Committee of Credentials reported all Grand Officers, nine Past Grand High Priests, forty Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California, seven survivors of the earthquake and fire, April 18, 1906, and representatives of 119 Chapters present. Pennsylvania not represented. Many distinguished Masons from California and other Jurisdictions were in attendance.

Grand High Priest Companion CHARLES H. KING says:

"We are prone to make many promises on our induction into office, and many times for one reason or another find it impossible to accomplish the end in view, therefore I feel rather fortunate that, through the will of God, the forbearance of my good wife, and the assistance of our Companions I have been able to make good in at least one of my promises of a year ago, *in visiting all the Chapters of the Jurisdiction.*"

(The italics are ours.) The visiting of all the Chapters in that State tells of a tremendous amount of labor. It took 240 days' times, and he traveled 31,000 miles. The expense was $1954.14. We venture the assertion that the Grand Chapter of California never got so much for so little.

During one week he constituted five new Chapters in Los Angeles County, with a membership equal to some of the smaller Jurisdictions.

On June 15 the Grand Officers conferred the Royal Arch Degree on WILLIAM GIBBS MCADOO, Mayor CRYON, of Los Angeles, Judge GATES, of the Superior Court, and six others.

Five out-door Royal Arch Degrees were "put on" during the year at Fresno, Weaverville, Long Beach, Pine Flats

and Sebastopol. In Pennsylvania we do not "put on" degrees—we confer them.

A joint meeting of the Grand Jurisdictions of California and Oregon was held at Ashland (if we remember correctly Ashland is in Oregon, we missed a train there once). This meeting was so successful that the Grand High Priest of Oregon arranged a similar meeting with the Grand Chapter of Washington. The Chapters of Southern Oregon propose to make it an annual event.

On April 11, he set the "Keystone" in a new Temple at Bishop. As there was no ceremony or form provided for this work, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest made one, and, like all his other work, it was very good. If any of the Companions desire to use it you will find it set forth in full in the Proceedings.

Under decisions he refused to allow a Chapter to receive a petition from a blind man; refused a dispensation to change the date provided by the by-laws of a Chapter for holding its election, stating that a Grand High Priest does not have such authority, which is very sound law.

In his recommendations he says:

"From my observations throughout the State I feel that the minimum dues should be raised from $3.00 to $6.00 a year."

The Finance Committee, to whom this recommendation was referred, reported a resolution fixing the minimum dues at $4.00 per year from January 1, 1927, which was adopted. He also recommended that the "Moon" Chapters amend their by-laws and meet on a fixed date. Also that the Secretaries of the Chapters take more heed to keeping the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary advised of their meetings. In Pennsylvania every notice issued by the Chapter is sent to the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand

Scribe, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer as well as to the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the District.

The Report on Correspondence is by Companion MAX PLUMB, written, as he states, for California, so it makes no difference to us. It does not interest us, as we had read all these extracts quoted in his review in the original Proceedings of the different Grand Jurisdictions. It is a collection of more or less glittering extracts from what different Grand High Priests have said, but contains no information of what the Grand Jurisdictions did.

Companion CLIFTON S. HITE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion THOMAS A. DAVIES, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

CANADA.

The Proceedings of the Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada is before us, and we feel very much at home while reading it. We are welcomed by the kindly face of M. E. Companion KENNETH JEWELL DUNSTAN, Grand First Principal Z, and he seems to says to us, "Come right in and make yourself at home among your Companions."

The Committee on Credentials reported one hundred and thirty-five of the one hundred fifty-three Chapters represented. (If our memory serves us right that is exactly the number of Chapters in Pennsylvania). Among many visitors noted from other Jurisdictions Pennsylvania was represented by Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand King, who was officially received. We fail to note the presence of our Representative, Companion R. J. READE, of Toronto.

The Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion W. H. DAVIS, in a most pleasing manner, reviewed the work of Grand Chapter for the year. He reports the consecration and dedication of three new Chapters. He recommends the appointment of a committee to prepare and report to Grand Chapter a model form of by-laws for subordinate Chapters. (We have had a "Form of by-laws" in Pennsylvania for many years, as well as a "Form for Recording the Minutes.")

He was rather liberal, from our point of view, with dispensations. Three were for Chapters to confer degrees away from home, some to confer degrees on petitioners not physically qualified, two to receive petitions from persons who had not resided in the Jurisdiction the required length of time and two to wear Chapter regalia at Divine service, and one to allow a Chapter to wear regalia at an "At Home."

A number of visitations are reported, among them one to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, which is so pleasantly remembered by the Companions of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary reports Registrations, 1143; other gains, 126; total, 1269. Losses, 934; net gain, 335. Total membership December 31, 1925, 25,650. Ninety-eight Chapters show a net gain, forty-one a net loss and fourteen neither gain nor loss. Six Chapters did no ritualistic work during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's account shows a net balance in his hands of $4791.92, and the investment account shows investments, $64,319.70.

The report on Correspondence is by that master of English, Past Grand First Principal Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON. It is not brief, for it covers 334 pages. In this he has laid before the Companions of Canada not only

the doings of the Grand Jurisdictions, but much of the saying of the Grand Officers and Correspondents. With this report before him, no Companion in Canada need be ignorant of what is actually going on in the Capitular world. It is by far the most complete report which we have received. We would love to quote from it but fear that "The Committee on Printing and Publishing" would call us down.

Pennsylvania is accorded a most fraternal review. The reviewer has often been our honored guest, and just recently bound still closer those ties which bind the Grand Chapters of Canada and Pennsylvania. We well remember his eloquent address at the M. E. Grand High Priest's dinner in December last.

He notes our individual opinion of the so-called Past Master Degree. Well, Grand Chapter evidently agreed with us by an overwhelming majority at the Quarterly Communication in December last, when it was abolished as a pre-requisite for petitioning for the Capitular Degrees in Pennsylvania. We may have something further to say on the subject later. While visiting in Canada we got some excellent ideas on the Most Excellent Degree, which, by direction of the M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, have now been embodied in our work.

M. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

COLORADO.

The Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in Denver, September 17, 1925.

Right at the front door the genial face of M. E. Companion ROBERT A. STEEN, Grand High Priest 1925-26, greets us, and seems to welcome us to their proceedings. Of course he is all right, as a brief biography informs the Capitular world that he is a Pennsylvanian by birth, having selected Bridgewater, Pa., as his birthplace, and the public schools of Pennsylvania as his teacher. At the age of twenty-eight he adopted Colorado as his abiding place, since which time he has spread light in that State. He keeps all the Masonic bodies of his home town straight as Secretary of the Blue Lodge and Chapter and Recorder of the Council and Commandery.

All Grand Officers present, twelve Past Grand High Priests, and representatives of fifty Chapters. A number of distinguished Companions from other Jurisdictions. We notice that Pennsylvania's Grand Representative answered the roll call.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest had a very busy year, and his report is an excellent one. He made many visitations and enjoyed them for he says:

"There are many things that are pleasant about being a Grand High Priest, but the brotherly love, as shown by the honest handshake of the Companions, as you visit them in their home Chapters, is the one thing that repays you for all the time spent and the troubles that are the prerogative of a presiding officer. Unfortunate indeed is the officer who cannot visit his Chapters, for he gets an information from it that cannot be measured, and the Chapters are helped to a degree that makes them think they are a link in the high chain of Masonry."

Decided that a Brother who had lost an arm was not physically able to conform to the requirements of the Constitution, and therefore not eligible to petition a Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report shows: Exaltations, 280; admissions and re-instatements, 62; total, 342; losses, 316; net gain, 26. Present membership, July 31, 1925, 8,064.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is a gem. He visited every Chapter in the State during the year at least once, with a total gross attendance of 1,157. His report shows the average attendance in the Chapters for the year, work done, proficiency of the officers in detail, annual dues of members (one Chapter charges $1.00 dues); the average, however, is $3.73. The fees charged for the degrees, (the least being $50.00) and the average for the State $53.82; also real estate owned, furniture, clothing, securities and cash on hand. He reports that in thirty-seven Chapters the Book of Marks is not complete. We cannot refrain from quoting the closing of his report.

"Social affairs in the Chapter are desirable and do promote good feeling; but to have them the be-all and end-all of our Chapter life is equivalent to converting one of our Universities of learning into a refreshment parlor. If we are to keep our hold upon our members we must show them that Masonry can be applied to every religious, scientific and philosophical side of our lives and thought."

On September 17, 1925, in the evening, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Colorado celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary, the proceedings of which are printed in an Appendix. The Grand Chapter does not seem to have been opened for this purpose, but it took the form of a dinner and reception at 7.30 P. M. Two interesting historical addresses are published as a part of the "Exercises."

The entire volume is embellished with quite a number of pictures of Past Grand High Priests, as well as cuts of the first building in which the Grand Chapter met and the present Masonic Temple.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Companion H. W. WOODWARD. He is entirely too modest, for all the good things in the report he credits to Past Grand High Priest FOSTER, Correspondent Emeritus, and for any defects, or mistakes,

if any there are, he assumes all responsibility. A careful reading of his entire report convinces us that it is no 'prentice hand that wielded that pen; it is the work of a Master.

His views on the various outside activities, no matter how worthy in themselves, that wish to attach themselves in some way to some Masonic Body, so that they may tack the word "Masonic" on somewhere, are the same as our own. Perhaps that is why we think so highly of his report. The warrant of a Chapter (and for that matter of a Lodge) recites what it may do. We never saw one that authorized the Chapter to sponsor, or even take any part with any other organization. What the individual members may do is entirely another matter. They may do all the good possible, and it will not injure them in the least as Royal Arch Masons, but no organization, however worthy, should be sponsored by a Lodge or Chapter, over which the Lodge or Chapter has no control whatever.

Companion WOODWARD takes considerable space in replying to criticism of Colorado's law of Grand Lodge that a Master Mason may not apply for the Chapter or Consistory degrees until one year has elapsed. Well, what works well in Colorado might not suit other Jurisdictions. We are all striving to reach the same result—a more thoroughly instructed and interested membership. So far as we have observed no Jurisdiction has as yet attained perfection.

Pennsylvania for 1924 is accorded a very fraternal review, and note is made of the fact that no review of Colorado appeared in our report. The loss is ours. A word of explanation. Past Grand High Priest MEREDITH, to whom Colorado, among other Jurisdictions was assigned, died during the year; the Companion who took up and completed his work got all the proceedings which had been sent to Companion MEREDITH. However, in some way one or two of them were lost, and the loss not discovered until the Proceedings were in print. The omission was not intentional.

Favorable comment is made of the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in removing a High Priest who failed to qualify after promising to do so. No action of the Grand High Priest has had a more salutary effect in this Jurisdiction than that one action. It has not been necessary to repeat it.

He notes that there is no mention of the annointed Order of High Priesthood. True. We do not have it. Each High Priest, as a part of his installation as High Priest of his Chapter, is given the Order of High Priesthood, three Past High Priests, at least, being present. We have no organization whatever, but every High Priest and every Past High Priest in Pennsylvania has had the order of High Priesthood conferred upon him.

Companion ROBERT A. STEEN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion WILLIAM W. COOPER, M. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in Hartford, Tuesday, May 11, 1926.

Prior to this a Special Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter was held May 10, 1926, for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree according to the standard ritual.

The Grand Representative of Pennsylvania was not present, but M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, accompanied by the M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG; the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., and the M. E. Grand

Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, were in attendance.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM BOWERS, presented his Annual Address, in which he very ably summed up the work of the year. He says that he was not called upon to make any decisions during the year. The Companions of that Jurisdiction know the law and follow it. He made many visitations to subordinate Chapters, as well as visiting the Jurisdictions of New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, and Maine.

In conclusion he says that during the five years he has been a Grand Officer he has visited all but one of the subordinate Chapters. That is a fine record for any Grand Officer.

There are also complete reports from the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe. Each officer visited many of the subordinate Chapters, and makes a detailed report of his inspection. Each Grand Officer seems to have been assigned eleven subordinate Chapters to visit.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $10,551.09. The Trustees report $9142.95 invested funds.

The Grand Secretary's report shows exaltations, 684; admissions, 9; reinstated, 5; total, 698. Losses, 322; net gain, 376. Present membership, 16,531.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Past Grand High Priest, and now Grand Secretary, Companion GEORGE A. KIES. It is his eighteenth, so he has gotten his hand well into the work. If any Companion can compress the whole proceedings of the different Jurisdictions into fewer words, and yet omit nothing, we have not yet read his report.

From extracts approvingly quoted we learn that Companion KIES still believes that Chapters, both Grand and subordinate, have enough to do without extending platonic assistance to the many new-fangled organizations constantly springing up. If an organization is worthy, and the necessity for it exists, it will prosper as it should do; if it is unnecessary no amount of "patronizing" by old-established institutions can help it, but much discredit may result to the older organization.

Pennsylvania is accorded a most fraternal review, and our opinion on De Molay, Rainbow Girls, etc., quoted with appreciation. Thanks, Companion. We are still of the same opinion.

Under Oregon he says:

"In several places, he (the Oregon Corerspondent) advocates the extension of the powers of the General Grand. We emphatically dissent. We are convinced that satisfactory long range government is impractical, both politically and Masonically. Hence if certain matters can be best managed by a central government the powers of the latter should be rigidly limited."

All of which is absolutely sound.

M. E. Companion ELBERT L. DARBIE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in Washington, December 10, 1926, at seven o'clock.

Prior to that the Grand Chapter held a special Convocation March 16, 1925, at which time it constituted Petworth Royal Arch Chapter, No. 16.

All Grand Officers present, six Past Grand High Priests and representatives of all sixteen Chapters. Pennsylvania represented.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion J. DAVIS BRADFIELD, delivered a most inspiring address. Fraternal notice is taken of the death of Past Grand High Priests CARL A. SUNDSTROM and A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Pennsylvania.

No decisions are reported. Two dispensations were asked and refused, one was granted to change the meeting place of a Chapter. The dispensations refused were asked that the Companions might hasten through to join the Commandery. A net loss in membership of 53 is reported.

The special Committee to whom the address was referred made a very laudatory report, especially commending the refusal of the dispensation to shorten the time required by the law.

Grand Chapter, as a remembrance of his work, presented the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest with a chest of silver.

Present membership, 6558.

A splendid balance sheet is published, which gives much useful information to the Chapters, and is always readily available for reference.

Companion DANIEL G. DAVIS, Grand High Priest.

Companion J. CLAUDE KEIPER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

DELAWARE.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in Wilmington, January 20, 1926, with all Grand Officers present,

twelve Past Grand High Priests, many Past Grands of various grades, and representatives of the five subordinate Chapters.

Among the visitors from other Jurisdictions we find M. E. Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand Secretary Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, and Companion WESLEY R. MORGAN, Grand Representative of Delaware near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, all of Pennsylvania. New Jersey and New York were also represented by their respective Grand High Priests, and other Grand Officers.

Our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Delaware seems to have been missing at the roll call.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest reports that he officially visited all five of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction during the year. He reports them all in good shape.

During the year he attended Grand Chapter meetings in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He reports a waiver of Jurisdiction granted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania over one candidate.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 49 exaltations, 2 affiliations. Losses, 48; net gain, 3. Present membership, 2068.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts for the year of $1198.75, with assets in his hands at the close of the year after payments of all bills of $1781.67.

The Committee on Ritual reported that after considering the new ritual as recommended by the General Grand Chapter of the United States for the past year

"We deem it for the best interests of this Grand Chapter not to adopt the same at this time, but to continue with the ritual now in use by the subordinate Chapters of Delaware."

The "Review of Proceeding" is by THOMAS J. DAY, it being his tenth. He reviews fifty-nine Grand Chapters in forty-six pages. While the reviews are brief, they do give the facts and leave out the grandiloquent passages of the addresses. Not much loss either.

Under Alabama he notes they have introduced an amendment to the Constitution abolishing the office of Deputy Grand High Priest and says:

"We hardly think good material to fill the offices of Grand Chapter is getting scarce."

Well, we have never had such an office in Pennsylvania, and so far we have not noticed any great necessity for it. We get along quite well with a Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe. We have never been able to see any basis, or even necessity, for a Deputy Grand High Priest.

Pennsylvania for 1924 receives a very full review. An extensive quotation is made from M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE B. WELLS'S "In Memoriam" on the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH. Also a part of the address of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion GEORGE P. DARROW on his taking office.

M. E. Grand High Priest, GEORGE O. FEARON.

R. E. Grand Secretary, JOHN W. MACKLEM.

J. M. C.

ENGLAND.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of England holds Quarterly Convocations, the proceedings of which are published in pamphlet form after each Convocation.

The proceedings for the Quarterly Convocations held November 4, 1925, February 3, 1926, and May 5, 1926, are before us for review.

The proceedings for November 4, 1925, contains seven pages of titles, a statement that Grand Chapter was opened in *Antient Form,* the minutes taken as read, report of the Committee of General Purposes of receipts £1.705 6s. 10d. Disbursements, same amount. Four petitions for new Chapters to be attached to Lodges which were granted. Also permission to remove the meeting place of four Chapters, and one Chapter be stricken from the rolls. Then the Grand Chapter closed in *Antient and Solemn Form.*

At the Quarterly Convocation in February, 1926, the matter of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland was taken up. The resolution is as follows:—

"That inasmuch as the United Grand Lodge of Queensland has been duly recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland be also recognized on the following conditions:—

"(*a*) That Royal Arch Masons under the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England can enter any Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, and be present at the working of the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, although they are not in possession of those other qualifications which are deemed essential of all candidates for Exaltation in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, previous to admission there to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

"(*b*) That the Supreme Grand Chapter of England undertakes not to grant any charters for new Royal Arch Chapters within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, other than for Chapters to be attached to the Lodges remaining under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"With regard to the second part of the resolution, it was felt that inasmuch as certain Lodges in Queensland are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, it might possibly be thought desirable at some future time to constitute a Chapter or Chapters under this Supreme Grand Chapter, to be attached to one or more of those Lodges, and the second part of the resolution therefore is to reserve that right."

And we still wonder who is running Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland. Two Grand Chapters claiming jurisdiction and England recognizing one of them, but retaining its own Chapters and reserving the right to establish others.

The Grand High Priest called attention to Chapters meeting without having their warrants at hand, and available for display.

"Now this is, of course, quite irregular and quite inexcusable, in spite of the fact that the Royal Arch ritual does not provide, like the ritual of the Craft, for the display and presentation of the warrant at certain definite moments, and in spite of the fact that the arrangement of a Chapter does not lend itself, in the same way as the arrangement of a Lodge, for the regular and formal display of the warrant. But there can be no question whatever that it is the duty of the Principals of a Chapter to have the warrant in their possession, and actually at hand, whenever they are acting in the discharge of the duties of their offices. I cannot do better at this point than remind you of the first paragraph of our Regulations, which reads as follows:—

> "In all cases which are not specially provided for by the following Laws and Regulations, the Order of the Royal Arch Masons of England shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby ,as nearly as circumstances will permit."

"That is explicit enough. Let us also bear in mind the first Article of the Book of Constitutions, which states:—

> "By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free Masons of England in December, 1813, it was declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three

degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

"That article identifies the Royal Arch with Craft Masonry, and definitely includes it in the same, so that regulations and practices, which are regarded as fundamental and essential in the Craft, are equally fundamental and essential in the Royal Arch."

Six petitions for new Chapters were recommended and granted.

At the Quarterly Convocation in May nine petitions for new Chapters were recommended and granted.

There was a statement made as to the financial condition of the Grand Chapter March 31, 1926, and a very long list of contributions by subordinate Chapters to Grand Chapter. There is no statistical table of membership. We note the number of the last Chapter mentioned is No. 4670, but there are many numbers missing.

There is no correspondence report.

M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord AMPTHILL, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Pro. First Grand Principal.

E. Companion Sir COLVILLE SMITH, C.V.O., Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

This body holds Quarterly Communications. The minutes of the Communications held December 1, 1925, March 2, 1926, and June 2, 1926, are before us.

This Grand body is entirely independent of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication only routine business was transacted and nominations made for Officers (Grand Master and Grand Treasurer).

The nomination of His Royal Highness, the Duke of CONNAUGHT and STRATHEARN as Most Worshipful Grand Master having been made at the December Communication, was taken up and he was elected by acclamation. He has already ruled Mark Masonry in England for twenty-five years.

The Mark Lodge seems to very largely control the Masonic Charities. At least at each Communication there is a long list of cases relieved. It would seem that this is one branch of Masonry which is putting into practice its teachings. A large fund is raised each year at what is termed a festival.

His Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT and STRATHERN, K. G., Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Major T. G. L. LUMLEY-SMITH, D. S. O., F. S. S., Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

FLORIDA, 1926,

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eightieth Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at 10 A. M., Tuesday, May 18, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

All the Grand Officers but one were in attendance, also fifteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-two Grand Representatives, including Past Grand High Priest LOUIS C. MASSEY, representing the Keystone State.

Grand High Priest M. E. Companion T. T. TODD, in his address, referred to the death of two of our esteemed Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and H. OSCAR KLINE.

He congratulated the General Grand Chapter upon acquiring the services of P. G. H. P. M. E. Companion ELY P. HUBBELL upon its new Committee on Fraternal Relations of the General Grand Chapter. We rejoice with Florida because of the wisdom manifested in the choice.

He recommended that financial assistance be extended to the tuberculosis hospitals maintained by the Grand Lodges of Arizona and New Mexico, as they treat "Masons from every State."

He referred to many dormant Chapters, and suggested remedies.

He issued one dispensation for a new Chapter.

He granted two dispensations to ballot on candidates at special meetings. This, no doubt, is legal in Florida, but we question whether any reason should justify such action. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence also had this view.

He encourages reciprocal intercourse or the conferring of the degrees upon the candidates to one Chapter in another Chapter, and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence approved. The writer can understand the fellowship and good will attending officers of one Chapter doing work in a sister Chapter, but also questions whether a candidate should not receive all his degrees in the body of which he desires to become a member.

M. E. Companion MARCUS ENDEL, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer, presented a healthy financial report.

M. E. Companion W. P. WEBSTER, P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary, still is troubled in getting Secretaries to report promptly and correctly. He reports a substantial gain in membership in face of rather general disinterestedness.

The report of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion ELY P. HUBBELL, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was received and ordered printed. He fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1925.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was adopted, and we predict will do much to rejuvenate dormant Chapters. The Grand High Priest was empowered to divide the Grand Jurisdiction

"into such a number of Districts as to him may seem advisable, and that he appoint a special Deputy for each of said Districts, and that he direct each of these special Deputies to investigate and use the authority of the Grand High Priest to bring about more dignified and correct rendition of the ritual and work, and that they use all proper efforts to increase the interest in Capitular Masonry in their respective districts; that they hold schools of instruction if necessary, and make annual report to the Grand High Priest."

We suggest the correction of our Grand Secretary's name to QUI*n*BY.

M. E. Companion E. L. SHEAR, Daytona Beach, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary. H. F. B.

GEORGIA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia assembled at the City Hall, in the City of Macon, Ga., at 10 A. M., April 28, 1926.

All Grand Officers were present, thirteen Past Grand High Priests; the Hon. WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON, Grand Master of Georgia and Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia; the Hon. PERRY L. BLACKSHEAR, Most Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Georgia, and thirty-nine Grand Representatives, including Companion WILLIAM G. MEALOR, representing Pennsylvania.

Notable among the absentees were Past Grand High Priests JAMES W. TAYLOR and JACOB A. WALTON, who were summoned during the past year by the Supreme Grand High Priest. M. E. Companion TAYLOR "did not miss a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home since the opening of the Home more than twenty years ago, or a communication of the Grand Lodge for sixty-five years and the Grand Chapter for more than fifty."

Past Grand Master JEFFRIES said of him:

"This man, endowed richly with a handsome figure, a powerful intellect, a brain of silver, a heart of gold, stood among his peers a veritable giant, as one born to teach and rule. His tongue had been 'stung by the attic bees' and his easy flowing speech and his passionate eloquence alike charmed and convinced his hearers, and his wonderful personality and irresistible magnetism marked him an unquestionable leader. His going is a superlative loss to the Craft and to his fellowmen. His memory will live in the lives he has touched as long as they shall last, and the good that he has done, in its benign influence can never be lost; like incense on the altar of truth, its smoke and fragrance shall waft through the ages, a joy and a blessing to many. The like of him shall not be seen again soon."

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. SIMS, in his address, mentioned the death of our friend Past Grand High Priest CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

He visited nineteen subordinate Chapters. His visiting with other Grand Officers of other York Rite bodies at special occasions seems a method conducive to fostering interest in York Rite Masonry in general. He also attended

eleven District Conventions which he felt were "very helpful." He issued numerous special dispensations for reasons which "I deemed sufficient," but which are not stated in his address.

The following letter is self-explanatory, though not in harmony with Pennsylvania Capitular law, and while it is the means to an end, we submit, is it wise?

"To all Subordinate Chapters, Greeting:

"Following the precedent of the past two years, it is my will and pleasure that Friday, October 23, 1925, shall be made a regular meeting day for all Chapters in the State, on which date all Capitular degrees shall be conferred.

"On this date meetings may be held and no dispensation will be needed to transact any business that may be required.

"When it is for the best interests, let Chapters consolidate at some convenient point and select teams from the participating Chapters. Diplmoas will be issued to all candidates as at previous meetings. Let me urge that the Chapters get busy, and let us make this the best reunion meeting we have ever held. Secretaries should be prompt in making their reports for October, which should include this meeting, that we may be able to judge what has been accomplished.

"With my very best wishes for a wonderful meeting, I beg to remain,

Zealously and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM A. SIMS,
Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest SIMS impresses us as a hard worker, intensely interested in Capitular Masonry, an advocate for everything Masonic, especially those positive arms of usefulness, the Masonic Home, the *Masonic Home Messenger,* the George Washington National Memorial Association, and, whether of local or general import, ever willing to boost and lend his influence. Our only question centers in whether his enthusiasm may have at times clouded his vision of the

ancient landmarks. We truly believe him to be all that the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address says of him:

"Unassuming, all-assuring, he has but to see duty to perform it. Through humility he has developed a courage that dares to storm the ramparts of evil and raise the standard of good, no matter what the hazard. A Christian gentleman of unwearying zeal, a citizen loyal and true to the highest ideals, a Mason of untarnished record, he is a sweet and devoted friend and a man of unswerving integrity, inspiring confidence and commanding respect. As such he will live in the hearts of those of us who know him, and as such this Grand Chapter may proclaim: 'All hail and all honor to a Grand High Priest such as he.'"

R. E. Grand Secretary EDGAR A. MCHAN, as Grand Lecturer, performed a stupendous amount of work and is "a most zealous and efficient worker," as attested by the Committee on his report.

The report of the Committee on Returns still reflects the habitual negligence of subordinate Chapter officers. It seems to us that those who know their duties should be held to a strict accountability.

The report of the Finance Committee shows substantial progress in the face of liberal disbursements for charitable purposes.

Recommendations of the Committee on Charters were adopted, in effect to forfeit charters of delinquent Chapters. This will likely remedy the negligence above referred to.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"Every candidate for the Capitular degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, a resident of the State of Georgia, and of the territorial Jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he applies for one year next preceding the presentation of his petition. If the petitioner is physically defective by reason of deformities or being maimed, and is still able to earn a livelihood and honestly acquire

a means of subsistence, and can conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies of Masonry and be instructed in its mysteries, eligibility shall be determined by the Chapter to which the candidate has applied, and if determined favorable he shall be eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry when the action of the Chapter has been approved by the Grand High Priest in writing."

Companion P. T. McCUTCHEN, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, in which Pennsylvania, 1924, is fraternally reviewed. We are pleased to know that our Past Grand High Priests, CORE and QUINBY, are so well regarded in Georgia, and appreciate the reasons therefor, but we cannot account for the reason moving Companion McCUTCHEN to include our very active Past Grand High Priest GEORGE B. WELLS among our Past Grand High Priests who have recently been summoned by the Supreme Grand High Priest. We are very happy to still have him with us.

It is true all members of our Correspondence Committee are active in its work. Our laboring without expectation of fee or reward may be the answer to the question why we all work here while in most Jurisdictions the worker is compensated.

The report of R. E. Companion E. A. McHAN, as Grand Secretary, discloses a decrease in membership because of a general suspension of members failing to pay dues. While the necessity for such action is to be deplored, it is nevertheless often found efficacious in producing desired permanent results.

In presenting a Past Grand High Priest's jewel to the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. SIMS, Past Grand High Priest JOE P. BOWDOIN paid a glowing tribute to this beloved officer, stressing his fidelity, a real virtue of which the retiring Grand High Priest is a living exemplar.

As usual, the Proceedings are brimful of Capitular information, together with the excellent report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion PLEASANT T. MCCUTCHEN.

HUGH W. TAYLOR CUTHBERT, Grand High Priest.

EDGAR A. MCHAN, Macon, Grand Secretary.

H. F. B.

IDAHO.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho, was held in Masonic Hall, Nampa, Idaho, on the 24th day of November, 1924, for the purpose of instituting Keystone Chapter, with three Grand Officers in attendance, all other officiating officers "acting."

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, Pocatello, Idaho, on Wednesday, May 20, 1925. All but two Grand Officers were present, also four Past Grand High Priests and nineteen Grand Representatives.

M. E. Grand High Priest HARRY P. WOLF presented his report, from which we note, under Dispensations, that Chapters in this Jurisdiction are still authorized under dispensations "to go to" various places to confer degrees.

The report of R. E. Companion EDWARD H. WAY disclosed a net loss in membership of 5.

M. E. Companion HENRY LEIMBURGER, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, presented a report in which he says:

"For various reasons and causes, I did not deem it necessary to make my usual official visits to our Chapters."

We do not know the "reasons and causes," but suspect that the net decrease in membership is caused partly by this omission.

The report of the Committee on Necrology paid well deserved tribute to the memory of M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN.

An excellent picture of our lamented M. E. Companion Dr. WILLIAM F. KUHN graces the proceedings; also a picture of M. Grand High Priest MATTES MATTSON.

The business of this Grand Convocation was peculiarly of a local character. The Proceedings contain considerable Capitular information, though our beloved Secretary, as often, is listed as QUIMBY instead of his correct name, QUINBY.

M. E. Grand High Priest, MATTES MATTSON, Gooding.

R. E. Grand Secretary, EDWARD H. WAY, Boise.

H. F. B.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Eightieth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Evansville, at 2 P. M., on Wednesday, October 21, 1925.

All Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain were in attendance. Sixteen of twenty-two Past Grand High Priests were present. Forty-one of sixty Grand Representatives were present. Pennsylvania's, Companion DAVID E. SMITH, was absent. Seven subordinate Chapters were not represented.

The distinguished guests welcomed to this Convocation were: Companions CLARENCE H. SNOKE, Indiana, Grand Generalissimo, K. T.; GEORGE F. HITCHCOCK, Indiana, Grand Commander, K. T.; HENRY KLING, Indiana, M. I. Grand Master; ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Massachusetts, P. G. H. P. and M. I. Grand Master; BERT S. LEE, Missouri, M. P. General Grand Master; HENRY W. MORDHURST, Indiana, R. P. General Grand Recorder, and ROBERT A. WOODS, R. P. General Grand Marshal, of the General Grand Council, U. S. A.; LEON T. LEACH, Indiana, General Grand Scribe; CHARLES C. DAVIS, Illinois, General Grand King, and JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, Massachusetts, General Grand High Priest, of the General Grand Chapter, U. S. A.; ARTHUR F. FUNKHOUSER, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Indiana.

M. E. Grand High Priest LAWRENCE V. MAYS in his address informed his Companions that:

"Throughout the year optimism and enthusiasm have burdened my speech and my letters to the various Chapters of the State, and I have tried in some manner to give at least a glimpse of this vision to the workers in the field of Capitular Masonry."

It is gratifying to find a positive, rather than a negative, attitude assumed by a Grand Officer.

He paid a well-deserved tribute to Past High Priest THOMAS R. MARSHALL, not only a GRAND High Priest, but a GRAND Man and Mason. As to his funeral ceremony he said:

"Never in my memory have I witnessed or listened to a more beautiful ceremony than was rendered on that occasion."

He constituted a new Chapter in Indianapolis, and one Chapter, Sheridan, consolidated with Noblesville.

Fourteen Chapters failed to file their reports in time.

He recommended that the Moon schedule be changed.

Our esteemed P. G. H. P. SUNDSTROM is listed among "Distinguished Dead of Other Jurisdictions," though his identity may be lost in the spelling of his name as *L*UNDSTROM.

R. E. Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, Grand Secretary, reported a net gain of 342.

Able addresses were delivered by the distinguished guests. M. E. Companion ARTHUR D. PRINCE, P. G. H. P. of Massachusetts, in speaking of Free Masonry said:

"It will teach all men who know anything about the Masonic Fraternity, that there is at least one place in the world and only one where men of all nations, of all creeds, of all religions, of all languages, can gather to worship a common God and talk a common language, the language of Free Masonry, which is that of love and confidence, and where the only creed is that of love."

A memorial report referring to THOMAS R. MARSHALL, P. G. H. P., was most interesting, so well depicting a noble character. We quote from the report:

"In the death of Companion MARSHALL we have indeed lost a most energetic, sincere and fearless citizen. One of the kindliest of men, liberal, generous, devout, a Christian whose faith flowered in action and conduct. He died as he lived, believing in the infinite mercy and goodness of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and 'whose rosemary of remembrance is ours, and with the added years of fragrance of bygone days will increase in sweetness until we meet' again in that Temple beyond the purple lining of the sunset."

The Committee on Jurisprudence adopted the suggestion of the G. H. P. that the Moon schedule be changed and action taken to amend the Regulations accordingly.

Pictures of P. G. H. P. LAWRENCE V. MAYS and of G. H. P. KARL F. BOSWORTH grace the Proceedings, and much valuable Capitular information is contained therein. A picture of that sterling Man and Mason, P. G. H. P. THOMAS RILEY MARSHALL, also is contained therein.

The Annual Capitular Review is by P. G. H. P. ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, the Grand Secretary since 1920, and Correspondent since 1910.

KARL FERDINAND BOSWORTH, Vincennes, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Princeton, R. E. Grand Secretary. H. F. B.

KENTUCKY, 1925.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 20, 1925, at 7.30 P. M. All Grand Officers were present, also twenty-two Past Grand High Priests. This old Grand Jurisdiction is blessed with a numerous family of Past Grand High Priests.

We learn with decided pleasure, from the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, W. R. JOHNSTON, that

"Royal Arch Masonry in Kentucky today stands upon a higher plane, is a greater influence, has finer capacity, and points in the direction of more splendid achievements than ever before, all of which redound to the honor of the Royal Craft."

Several years ago this Grand Jurisdiction authorized subordinate Chapters to endorse members for office in the Grand Chapter, which seems to produce more than necessary desirable candidates for Grand Offices. We fully believe, as he does, that

"The active member in the local Chapter might possibly be an actual detriment to the Grand Chapter. The merits of our officials should be shown in this Grand Chapter. When one has attended the Grand Chapter while High Priest of his Chapter, and then ceases

to attend further Annual Convocations, although he is a permanent member with voice and vote, he has not exhibited that enthusiasm, activity and ability that should bring about further recognition here."

The Grand High Priest advised the Secretary of a subordinate Chapter that he "knew of no law granting a public installation of officers," but that he could see no objection to it. We evidently do not view this subject in the same light.

Kentucky still maintains a very efficient system of District Inspections, with the State divided along Congressional district lines. Personal visitations by the Grand High Priest were few because of the "state of his health."

The report of Companion ISAAC T. WOODSON, Grand Treasurer, reflected a healthy financial condition.

Companion G. ALLISON HOLLAND, the Grand Secretary, in his report says:

"During the year I have had a number of inquiries from Secretaries desiring to know when elections should be held."

Is this possible?

This Jurisdiction fines subordinate Chapters for not paying dues "on or before September 15, of each year." Possibly some more fines for not knowing some simple facts would be effective.

M. E. General Grand High Priest JOHN ALBERT BLAKE and Acting General Grand Captain of the Host ARTHUR D. PRINCE honored this Grand Chapter with their presence.

Companion GEORGE A. LEWIS presented the Necrology report, including reference to the death of our Past Grand High Priest, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, we believe, wisely recommended the enforcement of the law against electioneering for Grand Chapter office. It also approved the Grand High Priest's suggestion that Chapters set a special time for stated meetings on the earth and "quit meeting in the moon."

Companion CHARLES A. MCMILLAN, for the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge, presented a splendid report on the work of this Committee in giving higher educational advantages to seventy-two boys and girls who graduated from the Masons' Widows' and Orphans' Home. This home now accommodates 204 girls and thirty-six widows, with a waiting list of twenty-five. The per capita cost is $182.50, "a rate less than any other home in our knowledge." The Old Masons' Home has sixty-three old Masons and five wives. The per capita cost is $413.62.

We learn from the report of the Committee on Inspection that 120 Chapters were inspected and ten were not. All inspected Chapters are "financially in good shape." We felicitate this Grand Chapter on the healthy condition it enjoys, in a general way, and its contribution to the welfare of Capitular Masonry.

The Proceedings contain a mass of Capitular information, including the returns of subordinate Chapters and the interesting report of the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters by Companion WM. W. CLARKE, to whom we are introduced through his picture contained in the Proceedings. He is a Past Master in culling from the several Proceedings the beautiful and impressive presentations of learned Capitular Lights.

FRANK D. RASH, Earlington, Grand High Priest.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

H. F. B.

LOUISIANA, 1926.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on February 2, 1926, at 9 o'clock A. M., in its Seventy-ninth Annual Grand Convocation, with all Grand Officers except the Grand Scribe in attendance, also ten Past Grand High Priests.

M. E. Grand High Priest LEON S. HAAS presented a most interesting address, stressing the loss of Past Grand High Priest JOSEPH SINAI, a very learned and active Mason and a generally useful citizen. Among the illustrious dead he names our Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Two Chapters were constituted. The Grand High Priest "made only several official visits," the Grand Lecturer, Companion H. F. GRIMM, however, "devoting his entire time in visiting, inspecting and instructing Chapters." He visited fifty-five of fifty-nine Chapters. His salary has been fixed at $1800.00 per annum.

Sixteen District Deputy Grand High Priests act in this Grand Jurisdiction. We quote from the Grand High Priest's address:

"Some of these Companions have rendered excellent work during the year, and have presented very encouraging reports. There are some who have not rendered any reports at all. I would recommend that if this custom is to be continued that a full report be given by each Deputy at the end of the Masonic year."

He granted few dispensations, and most of them to hold special elections and installations.

The net gain in membership was 210.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution and the General Regulations presented a new constitution and regulations, which were adopted.

Thirty-two Grand Representatives were present, including Companion JOS. DAWIDOFF, representing Pennsylvania.

M. W. Companion E. H. ADDINGTON, speaking for the Grand Representatives, said:

"It has been said truly that in any community where a group of men were known to be meeting in secret there would be cause for uneasiness, but it has been demonstrated throughout the ages that no community ever has been worse off, no man's property ever has been in danger, no human life ever has been in jeopardy, no woman's virtue ever has been in peril, no child in danger, from the fact that Masons meet in private or secret, and that is because of the noble purity of purpose for which we meet, and this is everywhere where Masonry is properly understood; and it comes from all sorts of tongues, regardless of race, regardless of creed, regardless of training, regardless of political affiliation, national bonds, or any of the things that tend to put men at a distance from each other. And we believe that its influence is growing 'mid the harsh noises of our day. A voice comes to us saying of the coming of the time when nation will no longer make war against nation, and when peace, and harmony, and brotherly love, and fair dealing, shall prevail. And that last monster, which does more than all other things to destroy brotherly love, the monster greed, greed for power, for place, in the human heart, finally shall be slain. That is what we must work for, and the world waits for outside the tiled recesses of our meeting place."

The Proceedings are replete with Capitular information, including the returns of constituent Chapters, statistical tables, memorial pages, and the report on Foreign Correspondence by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. E. Companion JOHN A. DAVILLA. The volume also contains a picture of M. E. Grand High Priest HENRY W. PALFREY, whom we are persuaded to love, as he bears a distinct resemblance to our Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, who is so very dear to us.

The Proceedings of the Most Excellent Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Louisiana are also contained in the volume.

H. W. PALFREY, Grand High Priest, Alexandria.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

H. F. B.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in Special Convocation in Masonic Hall, Waldoboro, September 14, 1925, for the purpose of constituting Medomak Chapter, with seven Grand Officers present, all others "acting."

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in Special Convocation in the library of Masonic Temple, South Portland, October 30, 1925, for the purpose of constituting Hiram Chapter, with ten Grand Officers present, all others "acting."

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its One Hundred and First Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, at Portland, on May 4, 1926, with all Grand Officers present, fourteen of the fifteen living Past Grand High Priests and a large percentage of representatives. The distinguished guests were Companion SAMUEL J. FOSTER, R. E. Grand King of the Grand Chapter of New York; Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; Companion WILLIAM BOWERS, M. E.Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; Companion EDGAR B. ELLIS, Past M. E. Grand High Priest of Connecticut; Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Past Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, and Companion JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, M. E. General Grand High Priest.

The annual address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE H. BANGS, is a learned and complete presentation of Capitular activities in this august Jurisdiction. The work of the Capitular schools is bearing fruit. The inspections were satisfactory in disclosing degrees splendidly executed, records generally in excellent shape and a general healthy condition.

Two new Chapters were instituted and two Chapters worked under dispensation.

The other reports of Grand Officers reflected a high plane of Capitular activity in Maine, meriting the commendation of the craft.

The report of R. E. Companion CHARLES B. DAVIS shows a net gain in membership of 333. "The past year has seen the most activity of any year since 1893."

It is gratifying to observe in the report of M. E. Companion SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, that the schools "showed more than one hundred per cent. increase over the preceding year."

Under Memorials are listed the passing of three of Pennsylvania's small band of Past Grand High Priests.

The recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted that

"No Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction be allowed to give its support, as such, to any society, order or organization, whatever its aims, purposes or conditions for eligibility."

This thriving Grand Jurisdiction is well officered, and its Proceedings, including much statistical information, evoke heartiest commendation.

The Report on Correspondence by M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest THOMAS H. BODGE, as usual, is very thorough, liberal and most interesting. His review of Pennsylvania, 1925, is a fraternal review, kindly and considerately presented, and its tenor finds a responsive chord.

GEORGE H. BANGS, Grand High Priest, Orono.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary, Portland.

H. F. B.

MANITOBA, 1926.

The Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on February 3, 1926, with all Grand Officers in attendance.

M. E. Companion Dr. CHARLES P. MOORE, of Weyburn; M. E. Grand Z of Saskatchewan, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM SHAW, Grand High Priest of North Dakota; M. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Past Grand High Priest of North Dakota, and other distinguished visitors were present.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM G. FRASER, Grand Z, in his address, reported having visited all the subordinate Chapters, and, while the number is small, it is a noteworthy accomplishment as a precedent for his successors.

As splendid harmony prevailed in this Jurisdiction, no decisions were asked for. A few dispensations were granted for what to us seem no good reasons.

The Grand Z discovered that out of twenty-one distinguished Companions who died in other Jurisdictions three were over ninety years old and twelve others from seventy-one to over eighty. Our beloved M. E. Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM being among the number.

A dispensation was granted for a new Chapter at Holland, and as satisfactory prices were obtained for an abundant harvest from good Providence, financial conditions are expected to improve.

We quote as evidence of true stability from the report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry:

"A careful survey of the year's operations of the constituent Chapters shows that no one Chapter has had a phenomenal growth in numbers, which in spite of its general advancement would indicate that the slogan of each is 'quality of membership even at the expense of quantity.'"

Companion JOHN PARTON reviewed the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions in his Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Pennsylvania, I suppose, is among "a number of books still unreviewed."

M. E. Companion FRANK W. BROWNELL, Winnipeg, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion HARRY F. MOULDEN, Winnipeg, Grand Scribe, E. H. F. B.

MARYLAND.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, on Tuesday, December 8, 1925, and was opened in *Due Form.*

At the Annual Convocation there were present nineteen Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, the representatives of all the twenty-seven Chapters, and Representatives of forty-two Grand Chapters. Companion WILLIAM BOOTH PRICE, the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was present.

M. E. Companion CHARLES P. MORNINGSTAR read the Annual Report, and it was a good one. It noted the renewal of relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The work of the year had been so well received that the Grand High Priest says:

"The condition of the Capitular Craft in Maryland is so harmonious that the duties involved upon us have not been burdensome and the year has passed both quickly and pleasantly."

He records that extending over a period of several months and involving a waiver of jurisdiction over thirty-six petitioners to Enoch Chapter, No. 23, who are residing in York, Pennsylvania, the very cheerful co-operation of M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was appreciated. Enoch Chapter is located in Frederick, a short distance south of the Pennsylvania border.

Under visitations, he states that every Chapter in the State has been visited, either by himself and Grand Officers, or by the Grand Lecturer or Grand Inspector. The Chapters are all progressing—doing good work—and living in complete harmony. The reports, written and verbal, are most encouraging for continued prosperity and the upbuilding of the Royal Craft.

Two new Chapters were constituted, to be known as Tuscan, No. 42, of Govans, and Harford, No. 43, of Aberdeen.

He was pleased to note that he had not been called upon to render a single official decision during the year, and as he adds:

"This would seem to indicate that our laws are very clear, and an ability, on the part of our Chapter officers, to correctly interpret them."

The Chapter of Instruction holds two sessions monthly. The attendance is very good, and the stations are filled by the junior officers in line in the various Chapters. This speaks well for the zeal and interest throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer reports that all of the Chapters in the State have had exaltations during the year. Two of them have not been overly strong in the number of meet-

ings held, but this was due to local conditions more than to any fault of the Chapters. An unusual number of deaths has reduced the net gain.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is made by Companion HENRY BRANCH. It comments on forty-eight proceedings and covers fifty pages. His reports are good, but this year the reading seems better than ever. The good doctor sees everything that is good, and looks over all our errors. It is a delight to go through the Capitular world with him as guide. He gives to Pennsylvania very gracious words, and we thank him for the good things he says about our Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW.

Membership, 9,716, a gain of 222.

M. E. Companion CHARLES W. ZIMMERMAN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GUSTAV A. EITEL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 8, 1925.

The entrance of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Grand Officers was announced by the Grand Captain of the Host, and Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form.*

There were present twenty-seven Grand Officers, twenty-one permanent members, eighty-two Chapters were represented and twenty-three Grand Chapters.

Numbered among the distinguished guests were M. E. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Grand King; M. E. Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer; M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest, read his First Annual Report. With very becoming modesty he opened with these words:

"That my lot has been a happy one is a foregone conclusion, for the system of our Grand Chapter has been so thoroughly arranged by my predecessors that my duty has been only to keep the affairs of our Capitular State running along in the smooth ways already laid down for them. It is with no small amount of satisfaction that I report no trace of discord has darkened our horizon during the past year, and no contention has arisen save that noble rivalry which leads each Companion to labor for the good of our beloved Rite."

The Grand High Priest crowded his year with visitations throughout Massachusetts, and found time between to make many pilgrimages to other Jurisdictions. He mentions the visit to Pennsylvania and adds:

"The high regard with which the Companions of Massachusetts seem to be held by their Companions of Pennsylvania was again demonstrated by the attention given to all their wishes."

The Chapters are graded on the merits of the exemplification of their work, and the Grand High Priest calls attention to five Chapters that have received perfect marking, and to one of the five—Winthrop Chapter—that has been marked perfect for seven successive years. This is a splendid record, and with the rigid requirements of Massachusetts it denoted most faithful work in that Chapter.

The Capitular Review is made by M. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary. It is just the sort of a review that is expected from the mind and pen of this good and splendid Com-

panion. It is a wise digest of fifty-three Jurisdictions, and Pennsylvania receives two and a half pages. He says that the Proceedings of Pennsylvania are especially interesting because its laws are strictly enforced, which is not done in some Jurisdictions. The credit for the 1923 review of Massachusetts belongs to that Prince of Reviewers, M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Past Grand High Priest.

Membership, 41,518, a gain of 791.

M. E. Companion HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MICHIGAN.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was opened in *Ample Form* in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Lansing, on Wednesday morning, May 19, 1926, at ten o'clock.

There were present fourteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Officers, and two hundred and sixty other members of the Grand Chapter; two hundred and eighty-eight in all. One hundred and fifty-six Chapters were represented. A long list of distinguished visitors were present. Pennsylvania is happy to see the name of Companion SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, marked as present.

The Annual Report of M. E. Companion HARRY L. IZOR, Grand High Priest, reviewed with detail the happenings of a very busy year. With visitations that covered his Jurisdiction, and that carried him to other States, with dispensations that made careful thought, with decisions

that were given, and with the odds and ends of a great membership, his year was packed full of labor.

He notes the inattention on the part of some officers of the Chapters to letters and other communications from the Grand Officers. Because of continued confusion in the working of the Degrees, and especially in that of the Royal Arch Degree, he recommends a revision of the present ritual. He arrested the charter of Holly Chapter. His decision was against the election by any Chapter of an "Honorary Past High Priest." He cited the Capitular Law as follows:

"The election of a Companion as an honorary Past High Priest is not a power delegated to a constituent Chapter. It would have a tendency to cheapen the office of High Priest and establish a very bad precedent."

There were a number of pages of amendments, most of them suggested by the Grand Secretary, that had to do with detail work, and they covered all sorts of subjects. They will need a new Red Book.

For a number of years Michigan has not published a Report on Foreign Correspondence, and this was referred to by the Grand High Priest as follows:

"No Grand Jurisdiction can compare with Michigan in offering to the Craft treatise of inestimable value on subjects in Capitular Masonry such as those prepared by our Grand Secretary, CHARLES A. CONOVER, and which are made a part of the annual Proceedings of this Grand Body. It is my earnest hope that they may be continued indefinitely.

"In addition to this, it is my firm belief fraternal correspondence should also be part of our annual proceedings.

"Therefore, I recommend that a report on Fraternal Correspondence be resumed by this Grand Chapter, in addition to the treatise submitted by the Grand Secretary."

This very wise and tactful suggestion was ordered by the Grand Chapter. It will be a delight to receive the report next year.

Membership, 46,799, a gain of 989.

M. E. Companion GEORGE KING PHILLIPS, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER, Grand Secretary. E. W. R.

MINNESOTA.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of St. Paul, on Tuesday, October 13, 1925. A majority of the subordinate Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form.*

There were present thirteen Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, seventy-two subordinate Chapters, and thirty-eight Grand Representatives. We note the absence of the Grand Representative from Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion E. G. H. ADAMS, Grand High Priest, is presented to the Craft on the first page of the Proceedings in picture. We like his looks, and fellowship with him would be a true delight. His annual report is brief and very much to the point in question.

Temple Chapter, U. D., was recommended to receive a charter, and Grand Chapter granted the request. Three Chapters were constituted. A Grand Lecturer is to be appointed, and he will take the place of the Board of Custodians and the system of District Inspectors. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported to continue the old

method, but Grand Chapter did not agree with them, and so the change was made.

Two decisions were made. The first says:

"It is incompetent for Royal Arch Masons to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of such degrees."

However, it was recorded that if a candidate uses an artificial limb which enables him to conform to all the rites and ceremonies he is eligible. The second stated that

"An objection is valid when made by a Companion to the advancement of a Brother if it is simply lodged as such, without any reason or ground given therefor."

The Report on Correspondence by Companion CHARLES S. SCHURMAN is one of the very best of all such reports this year. He is a master in this work and his review makes splendid reading in seeking a short cut to the year's happenings in the many Jurisdictions. He gives nearly four pages to Pennsylvania, and it is good. He notes our desire to keep true to the ancient landmarks and he adds: "Keep 'em to a hair."

Membership, 16,839, a gain of 317.

M. E. Companion FRANK H. MCCUSKEY, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi Royal Arch Masons was held in the City of Meridian, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-

fifth days of February, 1926, and was opened in *Ample Form.*

The Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, M. E. Companion J. RICE WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P., responded to his name. Pennsylvania is happy in the faithfulness of its Representative.

The address of M. E. Companion FRANK F. RANKIN, Grand High Priest, opens with these well-chosen lines:

> "He has not served who gathers gold,
> Nor has he served whose life is told
> In selfish battles he has won,
> Or deeds of skill that he has done;
> But he has served who now and then
> Has helped along his fellow men."

There is a list of dispensations that were granted, and they all seem to be in order. Interest centers in the refusal of a request from Clarkdale Chapter for a dispensation to confer degrees on Sunday evenings. The reason that was given for the request was that other Masonic bodies meeting in the same Lodge room interfered with their activities to the extent that they would not have time to accomplish their degree work during the week days. Clarkdale must be a very busy Masonic centre. Perhaps an enlarged building would be possible with so much Masonic activity, or do the club quarters need all the space? It is needless to say that the Grand High Priest pleased the entire Craft in this refusal.

He approved the consolidation of Edwards Chapter with Vicksburg Chapter. The era of good roads has changed the Capitular map, and four or five other consolidations are in prospect, with the thought of stronger Chapters in the place of near-by weak ones.

Two of his recommendations were passed on favorably by Grand Chapter. Hereafter, the Grand Chapter will designate as Representatives to the General Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and the Grand Lecturer. Also, support was voted to the help of the DeMolays.

His recommendation that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be dropped from the list of elective officers of the Grand Chapter was passed along to the Chapters and the next meeting of Grand Chapter for final action.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had assisted in conferring fewer degrees than usual because the Chapters were able to do their own degree work. This speaks well for the work of the Grand Lecturer, as well as for the improved work of the Chapters. He adds:

"About one-half of the Chapters in the State can do excellent work; one-fourth of them can do fairly good work, and the remainder cannot confer degrees without outside help."

The Fifth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of M. E. Companion GEORGE C. MYERS, P. G. H. P., is one of the best of the entire Craft. Pennsylvania is not in the list, and so we do not have the advantage of his review. His recapitulation says:

"In the mental tour around the circuit of the Round Table we find that there has been a large increase in the membership in the Grand Jurisdictions reviewed, and a loss in only four Grand Chapters, and then only small."

Membership, 7,683, a loss of 46.

M. E. Companion IRVIN M. MOODY, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MISSOURI.

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held Tuesday, April 27, 1926, in the Auditorium of the Teachers' College, in the city of Kirksville, Missouri.

M. E. Companion ORSON H. SWEARINGTON, Grand High Priest, read an Annual Report that was crowded with the detail of many activities. He reports a small net increase in membership, although there were 1,511 exaltations. He stated that the net gain was small because "the Chapters weeded out their dead timber by suspending the drones"; to all of which he approved. He added:

"We will not be known or observed because of numbers, but rather for the character of our men and the lives we live."

Very high commendation is given to R. E. Companion EDWARD W. TAYLOR, Deputy Grand High Priest, of whom he says:

"He has given much of his time, for which I wish to thank him. I believe that he will come into the office of Grand High Priest better equipped to do the work and with a better understanding of what has and is being done than is usually the case."

The Grand High Priest, in company with a number of Grand Officers, instituted Cabany Chapter under dispensation. This Chapter is located in St. Louis.

He reported that Missouri Chapter had quite a schedule for baseball games. One of these games was arranged to be played on Sunday. Tickets were sent out widely to the members and to Masons of other bodies. Quite a number of ministers received tickets, with a request to purchase. St. Louis certainly was all het up over baseball last summer, but the excitement was not to be compared to the battle that was on when these tickets were sent out. The Grand High Priest is to be congratulated for his prompt action in

placing the Grand Chapter alongside the Grand Lodge in prohibiting these Sunday sports under Masonic management. The Grand Chapter supported his action.

Very unfortunate happenings came up as the result of removing the office of the Grand Secretary from St. Louis to Trenton, Mo. There were bitter words and all sorts of charges and counter-charges, until even an injunction suit was started in the courts. But Grand Chapter was able to work its way through the unfortunate situation until peace and harmony returned.

The Grand Lecturer reported the Chapters were doing good and effective work, with the number of exaltations smaller and the number of suspensions larger than in former years. He considered that Capitular Masonry was in a healthy and prosperous condition in the Jurisdiction.

An especially good Report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the labor of Companion DAVID M. WILSON. He reviewed the Proceedings of the fifty-four Grand Chapters, and saw much to commend and little to criticize. Pennsylvania received nearly two pages of careful review.

Membership, 35,776, a gain of 70.

M. E. Companion EDWARD W. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion RAY V. DENSLOW, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MONTANA.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana was held in the Masonic Temple at Missoula, Montana, on Tuesday, August 18, 1925.

Thirty-four Chapters were represented. Among the Grand Representatives we note the presence of Companion E. M. HUTCHINSON, the Grand Representative from Pennsylvania.

The Proceedings is a very good volume. A portrait of M. E. Companion H. S. HEPNER, Grand High Priest, opens it. His strong personality looks right out from his face. He is the type of leader that we like to meet. He has a splendid record in the field of Correspondence, and this year, as Grand High Priest, has added to his fame.

His annual address touches the matter of the loss in membership in this beauty of language:

"Our year of service as overseer of the Capitular workings of our treasure State has been in the transition period from frenzied efforts of eleventh hour workmen seeking employment in our quarries and vineyards and the period of heaving into rubbish stones truly unfit for the builder's use, and the culling period of the dead limbs from our fruit-bearing trees; between the periods of overflow and drouth; between the days of mushroom-growth of quantity and the revitalizing growth in quality.

"The normal strength and stability of the Royal Craft is again attained, and, though the year's labors may show a decrease in the number of our membership, we feel assured that Capitular Masonry has not taken a step backward, but forward, toward its true goal of strengthening and adorning the Royal Arch, and the removal of weakness in the structure."

M. E. Companion CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Grand Secretary, fell asleep in death in the month prior to the Convocation. This loved and lovable Companion was sincerely appreciated for the spotless and blameless life of a Christian and Mason. His going away cast a gloom over the sessions. The very reading of the cold type review of his life gives a glow and warmth as to his worth. There is such a difference between being a mere member of the Craft and that of being a true Mason in heart and life. Montana Masonry is rich in the memory of such good men.

The Grand High Priest put in a busy year, and his record of service is full of wisdom. He knew his own mind as well as the mind of Grand Chapter in dealing with the request from Germany for financial aid for German world-war soldiers.

Membership, 4,857; a loss of 88.

M. E. Companion HARLON L. HART, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion LUTHER T. HAUBERG, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEBRASKA.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held in the Chapter Hall of the Masonic Temple, Omaha, December 16 and 17, 1925.

The Officers of Omaha Chapter, No. 1, opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and M. E. Companion GEORGE N. R. BROWN, Grand High Priest, and his associate officers, were escorted to the Chapter room. The Grand High Priest was received with the honors due his station, and requested the Grand Officers to assume their stations and places.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand High Priests, representatives from fifty Chapters, and Grand Representatives from thirty-four Grand Chapters. Pennsylvania is happy to note the presence of their Representative, Companion ROBERT W. MCGINNIS.

M. E. Companion GEORGE N. R. BROWN, Grand High Priest, read his report, and it was a complete study of the Craft in Nebraska. His visitations were made throughout the year and his many duties made both his months and his report a treasure of information. He praised the Grand

Lecturer, spoke kind words for the Order of DeMolay, and read the proceedings of forty-five Jurisdictions and fifteen Foreign Jurisdictions.

He arrested the charter of King Darius Chapter, No. 36. A Brother who had lost his right hand was ruled eligible to receive the Capitular degrees. He makes moral perfection, and not physical perfection, the test for eligibility.

Companion JAMES T. BAGLEY delivered an address on "Square Work." Many were the good things and here are a few:

"Let us lay aside our little squares and recognize true worth, and not heave it over among the rubbish because we do not understand it. There are many things that have been cast in the rubbish heap that in a few years were discovered as the most beautiful and important things in life."

"We are indeed Temple builders. Some are building a magnificent Temple, others are building the best Temple they can."

Nebraska does not publish a Report on Foreign Correspondence, but the Grand High Priest had this to say in his report:

"Several years ago this Grand Jurisdiction discontinued the writing of reviews for the want of some good Companion who would undertake the task. If some Companion can be found who has both the inclination and the ability, this Grand Chapter should adopt resolutions leading to the resumption of the work of a reviewer."

Membership, 8,322, a gain of 94.

M. E. Companion HARRY D. CONE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion LEWIS E. SMITH, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEVADA.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada convened in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Reno, on Tuesday, the eighth day of June, 1926.

There were present twelve Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of eight Chapters. There is recorded the presence of Companion DAVID E. W. WILLIAMSON, the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion CHARLES E. WHITESIDE, Grand High Priest, read a report that was of detailed information to the Craft. He opens with a splendid interpretation of the purpose and spirit of the Capitular work. A very beautifully worded summary gives the long list of Companions who, during the year, have passed to the Great Beyond.

Under "Condition of the Rite," he says:

"I find the Chapters generally lacking in interest. This condition has existed in Capitular Masonry in this State for several years past. Whatever the real reason for this regrettable condition is, it is my earnest and sincere opinion that the attempt of this Grand Chapter to force the adoption of the General Grand Chapter work in the name of uniformity is in no small way directly responsible.

"After several years' trial, during which time the General Grand Chapter changed the work several times, uniformity in this Jurisdiction is conspicuous by its absence."

The Grand High Priest recommended that the officers of Lewis Chapter be selected to go throughout the State and exemplify the old work, in order that the Craft may see how beautiful and superior the old is to the new. Looks as though the new work of the General Grand Chapter will have a cold and hard winter this year.

Among the recommendations are that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be abolished, and that, in the event of agreement on a ritual, a Grand Lecturer be appointed to instruct the Chapters of the Jurisdiction. Grand Chapter voted to retain the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary, was unable because of illness to be present at the Grand Chapter, and the esteem and love for this Companion was in evidence all through the sessions. We of Pennsylvania join in the desire of the Grand High Priest when he speaks his words of appreciation:

"Our Grand Secretary, God bless him, has rendered me invaluable service throughout the year, for all of which I give thanks, and, as each one of us have said, 'I love him.'"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the outstanding feature of the printed Proceedings. Companion VANDERLIETH gives a delightful review of each Jurisdiction. It is, indeed, a great report and is one of the very best that comes to the Capitular world. Pennsylvania has nearly two pages in the writings. We are glad Grand Chapter directed that his picture adorn the Proceedings.

Membership, 655, a gain of 10.

M. E. Companion ADAMS F. BROWN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary. E. W. R.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick held its Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation at Freemason's Hall, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the 25th day of August, 1926. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*.

M. E. Companion ORVILLE B. DOBSON, Grand High Priest, read his annual report that covered the activities of the Jurisdiction.

Two dispensations were granted during the year, and both were given to Chapters to hold meetings elsewhere than in the regular Chapter rooms.

The Grand High Priest read the list of his official visitations. He recommended that the Secretary of each Chapter send a notice of their meetings to the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest, that they may know what work is being done in the different Chapters.

The year was a happy one, and with peace throughout the Craft.

Membership, 1,620; a gain of 22.

M. E. Companion FARRIS S. SAWAYA, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May 18, 1926.

All of the sixteen Grand Officers were present. Again, there is noted the absence of the Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Twenty-two Chapters were represented.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in *Due Form* by St. Omer Chapter, No. 22, and whereupon the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form.*

In the list of distinguished visitors there is noted the presence of R. E. Companion CHARLES D. MCCRACKEN, Deputy Grand High Priest; MATTHEW ARMSTRONG, Grand Scribe; Rev. A. BOYLAN FITZGERALD, Grand Chaplain; ARTHUR N. MCKENNON, Past High Priest, all of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey; M. E. Companion E. L. DARBIE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; M. E. Companion GEORGE O. FEARON, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware; M. E. Companion DONALD A. SPEAR, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island; R. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Deputy Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion EDWARD H. MARTIN, both of the Grand Chapter of New York, and R. E. Companion GARDNER R. P. BAKER, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion THOMAS F. CLIFFORD, Grand High Priest, presented and read his report. He called attention to the passing away during the year of three Past Grand High Priests and of ten Past High Priests. The visitations to Chapters were assigned to the four principal officers, and the method has received merited success.

The Grand High Priest took high position in reference to the use and misuse of printed rituals. He did not approve of them at all. On his recommendation and by vote of Grand Chapter all the rituals issued by the General Grand Chapter were ordered in at once to be deposited with the Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter by vote took the stand "that we are opposed to any printed ritual." This is splendid, and is as it should be.

The year was one of quiet progress, with peace and harmony throughout the Craft.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the seventh from that master compiler, Companion CHARLES B. SPOF-

FORD. His observation is that uniformity of work is gaining. Also, that the war period of inflation in membership has passed, and that The Order of DeMolay has made progress. He discovered in a number of Jurisdictions this new organization, "The Rainbow Girls," and adds:

"Just what some inventive ritualist may conceive to add, is an opportunity for some dreamer with an eye to financial returns."

He states that the condensing of twenty thousand pages from sixty or more Proceedings is some job. It is no wonder that Grand Chapter increased his salary. It is a great report, even without a review of Pennsylvania.

Membership, 5,895, a gain of 9.

M. E. Companion HENRY LINCOLN SANDERSON, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Grand Secretary. E. W. R.

NEW JERSEY.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was convened at Trenton, N. J., Wednesday, May 12, 1926, and was opened in *Ample Form.*

Representatives from fifty-two of the fifty-seven chartered Chapters were present.

The Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, M. E. Companion ALBERT LEON, Past Grand High Priest, was present. He, in most splendid fashion, presented the distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand Scribe; M. E. Com-

panion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Past Grand High Priest, and Grand Treasurer; M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania voiced the feeling of the entire Jurisdiction when he said:

"Surely it would not be possible for a greater or a deeper and more lasting fraternal fellowship to exist than is manifested between that Great Grand Jurisdiction, our neighbor on the west of the Delaware, and the Companionship of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter."

In his Annual Address M. E. Companion FRANK C. SAYRS, Grand High Priest, expressed his joy in that death had not touched any of the official family or the ranks of the Past Officers.

He gave a long list of visitations to the Chapters of his own State, and listed many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions. He told of his interesting visit to an extra Convocation, in December, 1925, to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, where he witnessed the making of a Royal Arch Mason at sight. This distinction was accorded a distinguished citizen of Pennsylvania, DAVID S. REED, United States Senator. He notes a very pleasing visit to Media Chapter, No. 234, Media, Pa.

His account of the Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Va., is interesting in that thirty-eight Jurisdictions were represented, mostly by the Grand Master, and in many cases by the Grand High Priest.

A dispensation was granted to open and form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Woodbury, and this Chapter will be known as Woodbury Chapter, No. 61.

He was supported by Grand Chapter in a decision that a High Priest-elect cannot be installed by proxy. He suggested a change in the law so that "A candidate who had lost the first and second fingers of his right hand might be eligible for the Capitular degrees." To this suggestion the Committee on Constitutions returned an adverse recommendation, but the vote of Grand Chapter supported the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, and the law was changed. Legal matters had the center of attention, for the Grand High Priest asked for action on his desire to permit unaffiliated Master Masons to retain membership in the Chapters. This time the Grand Chapter supported the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutions, and voted the following:

"To obtain and retain membership in a subordinate body of this Grand Chapter, one must be an affiliated Master Mason."

This looks good to Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania.

His very instructive address had this summary:

"While we have prospered numerically and financially during the past twelve months, this has not been of great concern to me. I have endeavored to encourage a better understanding of our responsibilities, a deeper appreciation of our birthright in our institution, a keener spirit of interest and activity, and a whole-hearted co-operation in fulfilling the great objectives and purposes of the co-ordinate bodies of the Fraternity."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Companion A. BOYLAN FITZGERALD and is a most excellent one. This is his second report, and he is a master in the art. He takes one through the proceedings of sixty Grand Convocations, and it is a most delightful journey with him as friendly guide. Indeed, he has opened beauties and discovered treasures all along the way. He gives nearly three pages to Pennsylvania, and speaks a good word for our work and worth.

Membership, 19,931, a gain of 603.

M. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion ABRAM A. REGER, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW MEXICO.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Roswell, February 18, 1926.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 10 o'clock A. M. Fifteen of the eighteen chartered Chapters were represented.

After the appointment of the usual Committees to whom is entrusted the detail work of the Convocation and the presentation of the report of the Committee on Revision of Laws, Grand High Priest FRANKLIN P. KILBURN presented his annual address. In beginning his address he paints this beautiful word picture of Masonry:

"Like the sun riding in the flaming chariot through the heavens without a rival, so Freemasonry, clad in robes of virgin white, stands without a peer in the world of fraternalism.

"As the gentle moon hangs her silver crescent upon the sky with the matchless glory of her mellow twilight, folding the lengthening shadows of departing day around her, softly singing Time's eternal lullaby while she gently rocks the weary world to rest, so the beckoning light of Freemasonry, with tender hands, puts the broad mantle of charity, friendship and brotherly love above the sons of noble sires, as they go to and from labor, refreshment and rest."

Seldom have we read lines whose thought is conveyed in more graceful diction.

The remainder of the address is a record of his activities during a year in which no special or unusual happenings demanded decision or direction.

One of the outstanding activities of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico is the caring for the great number of victims of tuberculosis that throng that State.

The climatic conditions that prevail upon its high plateaus makes New Mexico a haven of hope for these unfortunate persons, many of whom are without financial resources sufficient to provide for their simplest needs. It is therefore a humanitarian work of the highest type of usefulness.

The most urgent business discussed during this Convocation was the adoption of a proposed new Constitution and By-Laws for Grand Chapter.

In our rather hasty review of this instrument several provisions especially attracted our attention. Article XII, Section 4, Disqualifications, reads:

"No Capitular degree shall be conferred on any one who is physically unable to conform to the spirit of the ceremonies of the order, who is unable to speak, read and write the English language, who is afflicted with any incurable disease, or who has no visible or legitimate means of support for himself and family."

Evidently the last clause of the section was suggested by reason of the experience they have in such cases.

Section 6 of Article XII provides that

"No Candidate shall receive more than one degree at the same Convocation, nor shall he be advanced to a succeeding degree before passing a satisfactory examination in open Chapter upon the preceding degree."

If the Grand Chapter of New Mexico will strictly enforce these provisions, they may not increase rapidly in membership, but they will be making a type of Capitular Masons superior to any to be found in other Jurisdictions.

There seems to be no Committee on Correspondence.

GEORGE D. ROBINSON, Grand High Priest.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales held four Quarterly Convocations during the year 1925, at Masonic Hall, Sydney. In this they follow the rule of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, which always meets at the Masonic Temple, in Philadelphia, for their Grand Convocations.

At the Quarterly Meeting on February 11, 1925, the Grand First Principal spoke at some length upon the desirability of the creation of a united Grand Body of all Royal Arch Masons in New South Wales.

This would seem to be "a consummation devoutly to be wished," and thus solve much of the uncertainty existing in the minds of other Grand Chapters concerning the real state of Royal Arch Masonry in this far away country.

The fraternal adjustment of the differences existing between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America should point out the way for them.

The Grand First Principal also reports a unique Christmas function that was observed jointly between three

or more Chapters. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred, and he says:

"Needless to say that the meeting drew the presence of a very large number of Companions and the Chapter room was crowded to the door."

We are especially attracted by the final observation of "crowded to the door." We wonder if there were not other features on the programme to bring out such numbers. Whatever it was, we commend the Companions for their zeal and interest in the Royal Art.

The reports of the Superintendents for the several Districts contain such statements as "the work was reverently and nicely carried out," "the character of the work was excellent," "the quality of the candidates is of a high standard," "continued keen interest was a feature displayed by the officers," "Companions are enthusiastic, which will be understood when it is known that some of them travel sixty-two miles and return to each meeting." These and numerous other statements impress the reviewer that Royal Arch Masonry has gripped men in this distant land as securely as in regions in closer proximity to each other.

An incident of more than ordinary interest was the exaltation of a number of Master Masons attached to the American Fleet, then visiting New South Wales, on July 27, 1925, at Sydney.

It appears that seven Master Masons from the U. S. Battleship "West Virginia" requested the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, then in Convocation at Sydney, to confer upon them the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The comment on the ceremony was that:

"The Chapter room was crowded and the newly exalted Companions expressed their gratitude at the honour conferred upon them."

Further comment was that:

"Thus another link was forged in the chain of relationship between us and our Royal Arch Companions of the United States of America."

The entire volume of the Proceedings is attractively compiled, and is full of reports of the healthful and growing interest in Capitular Masonry in New South Wales.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by a Committee of five Companions and covers forty-six pages. We, however, failed to find a review of Pennsylvania, but feel assured it was due to no fault on the part of the Committee.

We also do not find an exchange of Grand Representatives with Pennsylvania, but are assured that it has been arranged since publishing the 1925 proceedings.

M. E. Companion NEVILLE W. MONTAGUE, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion D. R. HUTCHINSON, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

NEW YORK.

Since the closing years of the Eighteenth Century the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York have been meeting in Annual Convocations. When this Grand Chapter held its First Convocation Capitular Masonry as a separate and distinct unit was still in its infancy. The Grand Chapter of New York, together with other Grand Chapters of similar age, may therefore be regarded as parents of Capitular Masonry in America. The duty of reviewing the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, whose rootlets reach back one hundred and twenty-nine years

into the past, becomes both a pleasure and a privilege to one who is conscious that his effort cannot do justice to the work assigned to him.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York was held in the city of Albany, N. Y., Tuesday, February 2, 1926, at 10 o'clock A. M.

There were present all of the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Scribe, together with representatives from 221 of the 225 constituent Chapters and forty-two Grand Representatives, making a total attendance of 629.

Among the invited guests were Most Illustrious GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of New York, and his associates; Right Eminent WILLARD W. ELLIS, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New York; Ill. JEROME L. CHENEY, Illustrious Deputy of the Supreme Council 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for New York; Most Excellent WALTER H. DAVIS, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and his associates; Most Excellent WEST A. TROTTER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, and his associates; Most Excellent FRANK C. SAYRS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, and his associates; Right Excellent JAMES F. MCGREGOR, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and his associates; Most Excellent ROBERT E. LEE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio; Most Excellent ROGER S. PIKE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont; Most Excellent THOMAS F. CLIFFORD, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, and his associates; Most Excellent WILLIAM BOWERS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, and his associates; Most Excellent DONALD

E. SPEERS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, and his associates; Right Excellent JOHN W. ROBERTS, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and his associates; Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and his associates, and Most Excellent HENRY DE WITT HAMILTON, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and his associates, all of whom were separately received with grand honors and escorted to a place in the East.

The Grand High Priest then submitted his annual address. After a few choice words of generous welcome he reminded his audience that they were assembled for the serious consideration of "such measures as may seem prudent to maintain the high standards established by the fathers of our ancient Craft."

The complete address covers fifty-four pages of the printed proceedings, nearly one-fourth of which is devoted to Necrology, which again forcibly reminds us of the fearful toll of human lives the grim reaper exacts from our ranks.

The remainder of the address is a detailed record of the labors, decisions, problems and suggestions of an official who served his Grand Chapter zealously, faithfully and efficiently.

Two "charters under dispensation" were issued, and one Chapter was constituted.

It was a distinct compliment to the Grand High Priest, as well as a splendid recognition of Grand Chapter, to be selected by the Governor of New York as a member of the "United States Flag Board of the State of New York." We not only congratulate Royal Arch Masons of New York

upon this incident, but as well commend Governor SMITH for his wisdom.

The value of Capitular Schools of Instruction is recognized, and their establishment in the large cities of the State is advised.

Again are we confronted with the record of a "Revised Degree of Holy Royal Arch" that seems to be practiced by "many of the Chapters throughout the State." If by "many Chapters" why not by "every Chapter throughout the Jurisdiction." Are we to infer that there is not a uniform ritual for the degree of Royal Arch Masons in New York?

An incident of the deepest historical interest was the reception of the apron worn by Most Excellent DE WITT CLINTON during the time he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Masonry everywhere is honored in having such eminent men as DE WITT CLINTON was in his day among its followers.

Fifteen pages of the report are necessary to record the Chapter anniversaries, Grand Chapter visitation and social activities of the Grand High Priest or his representatives.

Royal Arch Masons of New York certainly demand much of their Grand High Priest in a social way.

Upon four occasions were decisions requested and made for the guidance of subordinate bodies.

In the report of the Grand Secretary we note the following viz.: "In one particular our Chapters have exceeded all former records, that of suspensions for non-payment of dues." Further along he says, "It is significant that a large proportion of those suspended were unseasoned material." This same condition is found in every Grand Chapter, and

we are now unwillingly forced to admit that we were urged by sentiment more than by judgment when we made them so rapidly four or five years ago.

However we note a net increase in membership for the year of 1670.

One of the many activities of the Grand Chapter that deserves the highest commendation is the work of relief of distressed tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependents, and the suggestion to appoint a permanent committee to oversee the work. No Masonic activity is more praiseworthy than this, for it puts into practical operation some of the idealisms that Freemasonry tries to inculcate, among them being duty to our fellowman. Surely none need our assistance and support more than these unfortunate victims of tuberculosis.

Election of Grand Officers resulted in:

R. E. WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, Grand High Priest.

M. E. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH CAROLINA.

It seems historically certain that a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was established in North Carolina in 1822, that it functioned for some years when it became dormant, and was revived again in 1847.

About seventy years previous to 1822, or, to be exact in time, in 1754, the first Lodge of Freemasons in the Province of North Carolina was established at Wilmington, on the Cape Fear River, as No. 213 on the English register.

It was therefore fitting and appropriate that the Seventy-eighth Annual Conclave of the Most Excellent Grand Royal

Arch Chapter of North Carolina should convene in the city of Wilmington for its deliberations.

The constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 7.30 o'clock P. M. by the Grand High Priest and his Grand Officers.

The Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina was represented by Grand High Priest CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG and Past Grand High Priest O. FRANK HART, who were received with Masonic honors.

A most pleasing incident was the official reception of Companion WALTER E. STORM, Senior Past Grand High Priest of North Carolina.

The annual address of Grand High Priest JAMES WALKER PAYNE covers thirty-three pages of the printed proceedings, and is a detailed and interesting record of his activities during the year. By way of introduction he told Grand Chapter that:

"I return to you today the authority which you vested in me, with no apology, for I have done the best I could. What more can you ask?"

As we review his labors and attempts to visualize the time, effort and expense expended during the year we are forced to conclude that the Grand Chapter of North Carolina never had a more zealous, capable, or self-sacrificing official as their titular head.

He called attention to the fact of over 45,000 Master Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, with a Grand Chapter membership of less than 20 per cent. of that number. We have no figures for comparison at our immediate command, but assume that the percentage that obtains in North Carolina is a very fair

average for other Jurisdictions. The query that is perplexing Pennsylvania is why this wide margin of difference is found everywhere. It is true in Pennsylvania. In our review of another Grand Jurisdiction we found that only about 8 per cent. of the membership were interested enough in subordinate Chapter affairs to attend its meetings. If these observations be true, and we are assured they are true, it seems urgent upon those who are directing Capitular Masonry in any Jurisdiction to think seriously of its ultimate future.

Division of the Jurisdiction into Districts with a Grand officer in charge is a plan that is followed in other Jurisdictions, and in other Grand bodies as well.

Arresting of charters is always an unpleasant duty, but when necessary for the good of the Craft there should be no hesitation, and Grand High Priest PAYNE is to be commended for his actions in arresting three charters that seemed dead beyond hope of resurrection.

Fourteen official visitations were made to subordinate Chapters, and several inter-State visitations were enjoyed, all of which shows that the Grand High Priest "spared not himself."

His suggestion of an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws by making the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Vail, Grand Master of the Second Vail and Grand Master of the First Vail appointments by the Grand High Priest instead of elective officers as at present, is a wise and logical one.

The educational activities of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina are deserving of the highest commendation. Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina are carrying on the inspira-

tion they have received from their Hugenot ancestors and are destined to make the great State of North Carolina a leader in educational programmes.

A new departure was the publishing of the work of the Committee on Correspondence in a separate volume. We have not known of this being done elsewhere, perhaps because no other Jurisdiction contains so versatile and pleasing a reviewer as Companion ALLEN.

Pennsylvania appreciates his kindly notice of our work. We desire to say that we read Companion ALLEN more closely and with more profit than any that comes to our notice.

Companion JOHN S. MCEACHERN, Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN B. GRIGGS, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was established in the same year that the territory of North Dakota was exalted to the dignity of Statehood.

The diffusion of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction under the authority of Grand Chapter is therefore coincident with the growth and development of this great State.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota was held in Fargo, Tuesday, January 26, 1926.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form* by the Grand High Priest assisted by his Grand Officers and the representatives of nine subordinate Chapters.

Most Excellent Companion BERT S. LEE, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri, and the personal representative of General Grand High Priest JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, was introduced, was received with the grand honors of Masonry, and brought to Grand Chapter the felicitations of the General Grand High Priest in a few well-chosen and appreciative words.

Grand Chapter was also honored with the presence of Right Excellent Companion HARRY F. MOULDEN, Grand Scribe E of Manitoba; Most Excellent Companion FRANK M. MCCUSKEY, Grand High Priest of Minnesota; Sir Knight JOHN H. G. TURNER, Grand Commander Knights Templar of North Dakota; Most Excellent Companion FINLAY D. CAMERON, Grand Master Royal and Select Masters of North Dakota; Excellent Companion WALTER R. REED, Deputy Inspector General Scottish Rite of North Dakota, and Most Worshipful Brother THEODORE B. ELTON, Grand Master Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Dakota, all of whom were received with grand honors, and made short addresses to Grand Chapter.

Grand High Priest WILLIAM T. JOHNSON notes in his annual address the increasing number of suspensions for non-payment of dues that resulted in a net loss to Grand Chapter of forty-four for the current year. But he says:

"The situation is not without hope and indications are that better days for Capitular Masonry in North Dakota are dawning."

No decisions were necessary during the year.

Annual festivals in York Rite bodies seem to be popular in North Dakota, and undoubtedly exert a tremendous amount of good in giving impetus to the work of the Craft.

The consolidation of the educational fund of three Grand bodies is a wise move and must render its work more efficient.

It is noted that of more than 15,000 Master Masons in North Dakota less than 30 per cent. of them have been exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch. Again the query comes to our mind "Why is Capitular Masonry not more sought after than it is?" York Rite festivals should popularize it, and yet it seems that about the same percentages prevail in Jurisdictions that observe them as in those who do not. The problem of the future of Capitular Masonry should engage the thoughtful consideration of those who have its interests close to their hearts.

Our own opinions in the matter are not yet clearly enough defined to reduce them to writing, but we do have some decided views that are taking form and substance.

The reports of the several District Deputies shows the Districts under their immediate supervision to be in an encouraging condition for better work in the future.

Pennsylvania was not reviewed.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. SHAW, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and the Provinces over which it holds jurisdiction was held in the city of Halifax, N. S., June 8, 1926.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 10 o'clock A. M. by Grand High Priest PIUS J. S. OTTO, assisted by his Grand Officers and a constitutional number of representatives of subordinate Chapters.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are printed in an attractively prepared volume, introducing photographs of the Grand officers of 1925.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest occupies fourteen pages of the printed proceedings, three pages of which are devoted to Necrology.

The address conveyed the intelligence of the appointment of M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. ELLIS, by H. R. H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, to the distinguished and honorable station of Junior Past Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of England. This is indeed an honor not to be taken lightly when it is remembered that the Grand Lodge of England is the Mother Grand Lodge of the entire Masonic world. The Brethren and Companions are to be most highly complimented upon this recognition of their worth and zeal.

A number of visitations to subordinate Chapters were made, and reunions of a large number of Chapters attended.

Nova Scotia, with other Jurisdictions that distribute printed rituals, seems to be in trouble in getting them into the proper hands, and, more annoying still, to have them followed. The difficulty appears to be in uniformity of presenting the ritual. In our review of Grand Chapter proceedings our attention has been arrested in noting the varying forms of ritual for the Royal Arch Degree. If the degree is as varied as reading reports would lead one to believe it is, we must have a great variety of Royal Arch Masons on the North American Continent. The suggestion of Grand High Priest OTTO to appoint a "Board of Ritual" who shall be final authority on the esoteric work will without doubt solve the difficulty.

Reports of Grand Superintendents indicate a healthy condition of the Craft everywhere throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

Total membership of the twenty Chapters comprising Grand Chapter was for 1926 roll 2651, a net loss for the year of thirty-nine.

Suspensions for non-payment of dues amounted to 110.

Report of Fraternal Correspondence is by BRENTON F. PORTER, Grand Secretary, who kindly answers the questions of the reviewer of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion REGINALD V. HARRIS, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion BRENTON F. PORTER, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OHIO.

When Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON was inaugurated First President of the United States of America, in 1789, he was the Chief Executive of only eleven States.

When he retired from public office at the close of his second term, in 1797, five more sovereign States had been added to the Union.

Six years afterward, in 1803, Ohio was admitted as the seventeenth State of the American Republic.

Thirteen years later the first annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held at Worthington, Ohio, October 24, 1816.

The One Hundred and Ninth Convocation was opened in the city of Akron, Ohio, September 30, 1925, at 9.30

A. M., by Companion ROBERT E. LEE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, assisted by all the Grand officers, seventeen Past Grand High Priests, and the representatives of 200 of the 209 subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

For more than a century, therefore, the interests of Capitular Masonry within the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Ohio has enlisted the attention and labor of men devoted to the work of the Craft.

In the early Freemasonry of Ohio we find the names of men who were vital factors in shaping the destiny of events that were epoch-making in the first days of our common country. The deeds of PUTNAM, ST. CLAIR, CASS and others are well known to the most superficial student of American history, but their Masonic zeal and loyalty are known only to those who dig deep into the unseen forces and influences that make men what they are.

This Convocation was honored by the presence of distinguished Freemasons from other Jurisdictions, among whom were Companion LAWRENCE V. MAYS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana; Most Excellent Companion WILLIAM E. GOFF, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and Most Illustrious Companion GEORGE R. HEMMINGWAY, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York, each of whom were received with grand honors.

The Grand High Priest then presented to Grand Chapter his annual address, which is brimful of practical everyday wisdom for the thoughtful consideration not only of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, but for Capitular Masons everywhere.

Among the recommendations he offers for discussion is the increasing of per capita payments of the Masonic Home from twenty-five cents to one dollar per capita.

In defense of this suggestion he proposes a question that Freemasons of every grade need to seriously ponder for themselves.

The question he asks is "What is the definite objective of Masonry?"

In seeking for an answer he says, "Is it only to build splendid Temples" or "is it greatly to increase our roll of membership" or "is it to meet and function as a social order to confer degrees and exchange greetings of fellowship," and concludes by saying "I am sorry if any or all of these be our only definite objective."

The reviewer most heartily concurs with the Grand High Priests in his conclusion, and believes with him that a large percentage of Freemasons see nothing more in our Fraternity than the objectives he has suggested.

But there remains that tested, tried and loyal percentage who have cultivated a wider vision and a deeper insight into the real objective of Masonry who believe with Most Excellent Companion LEE "that character building is the principal aim of Freemasonry, but unless there is a practical application of this higher development in a manner beneficial to humanity, it is difficult to justify the claim that we have accomplished this objective."

The fear of a loss of membership in subordinate Chapters by an increase of dues is met by saying that "we would be stronger with 100,000 Masons than with 200,000 members."

This sentiment harmonizes with the experience of all men who are engaged in constructive effort of any kind.

It is not members that count most in achieving results. Great ends are only attained by the spirit, assiduity and persistent effort of the few who will not be discouraged.

We were attracted and deeply interested in the following paragraph of the address:

"The average attendance at Chapter meetings during the past year was approximately 8 per cent. of the membership, which would indicate . . . that it is difficult to reconcile the claim of a great accomplishment of character building with this failure to do our full duty in taking sufficient interest in the proper functioning of the Chapter or to properly support the only definite objective we seem to have in Ohio, namely, the Masonic Home."

If Capitular Masonry can enlist the attention of only 8 per cent. of the symbolic Masons whom it has honored, we are forced to ask ourselves wherein lies the weakness? It cannot be found in the sublime truths that Royal Arch Masonry attempts to inculcate, for nowhere else in the whole Masonic system can be found the symbolic presentation of the deepest motives that control men's thoughts and actions as vividly as they are taught in the degree of Holy Royal Arch. Neither can we be persuaded that the fault is to be found in those who are exalted to this supreme degree, for they are all twice selected men.

In the humble opinion of the reviewer the ultimate source of the widespread indifference manifested toward Capitular Masonry is to be found in the attempt to make the degree that is the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry a separate and distinct Masonic body by attaching to it two degrees with whose traditions it has little in common.

In other words we hold that the detachment of the Royal Arch ceremony from the degree of Master Mason was an act that should never have been permitted, and that in consequence Capitular Masonry has suffered for it.

Four dispensations for the erection of new Chapters were refused for what seems to have been just cause.

The value of Inspecting Officers receives due notice and approval.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a total membership of 78,825, a net gain during the year of 1601.

WARREN J. BAKER, M. E. Grand High Priest.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH, R. E. Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OKLAHOMA.

The Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Royal Arch Masons met April 21, 1926, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in their Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation.

Grand Chapter was opened at 9 A. M. by Grand High Priest Companion CHARLES E. CREAGER, assisted by Grand Officers, in *Ample Form*.

The following distinguished Freemasons honored Grand Chapter with their presence: Right Eminent Sir CHARLES W. TEDROWE, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States; R. E. Sir SYDNOR H. LESTER, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma; Most Illustrious WILLIAM NOBLE, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma; M. E. Companion JAMES M. WHEATLEY, Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion SAM J. HELM, Past Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion T. M. BARTLEY, Grand Secretary, all of the Grand Chapter of Texas Royal Arch Masons; Illustrious Brother FRANK CRAIG, Inspector General of Scottish Rite Masons

of Oklahoma, each of whom were separately introduced and received with appropriate honors.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address said:

"The station of Grand High Priest is not a poor man's job. It is not a busy man's place."

With the first of these sentiments we heartily concur, but to the latter we take exception, for the reason that none but busy men know the importance and value of Royal Arch Masonry and none but busy men will give the Craft the attention it demands.

A loss of nearly 1200 in membership, largely from the same cause, namely, suspension for non-payment of dues, receives rather extended notice in his remarks. One paragraph especially attracted our attention. We quote it in full:

"If our Chapters will be careful in the selection of material; if our officers will faithfully discharge their duties and give the candidates the best there is in any ritual, Secretaries will have less trouble in the collection of dues, suspensions will be the exception and not the rule, and Royal Arch Masonry will be a more useful institution. I subscribe myself to the doctrine that "A WELL DIRECTED BLACK BALL NEVER INJURES MASONRY."

In discussing the misdirected and over zealous enthusiasm of a few years ago he says:

"Masonry, in short, became somewhat of a fad rather than a stable dignified fraternity."

Further commenting, he says:

"Those things in life that are more thoroughly appreciated are those 'worth striving for.' That which comes without a struggle is usually regarded with little esteem."

The Grand High Priest suggests as a solution of the vexed problem of suspension for non-payment of dues the collec-

tion of a sufficient sum of money at the time of exaltation to virtually make them life members. This procedure would undoubtedly increase the revenue of the Chapter, but in our opinion would be detrimental to the interest that would subsequently be manifested in the affairs of the Chapter. One dispensation to open a Chapter U. D. was granted during the year.

No decisions upon misunderstood provisions of the law were necessary during the year.

Report of membership for year beginning January 1, 1926, shows 14,269, a net loss over the preceding year of 151.

The Committee on Education made an exhaustive and most interesting report, and concluded by saying that:

"We are more than ever convinced that the student loan plan to assist worthy young men and women to complete their education is a greater success than anticipated by those who were instrumental in putting it into execution."

We most heartily and sincerely congratulate the Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma upon their success in this most laudable work.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion EUGENE HAMILTON, and is very well executed. He accords to Pennsylvania a generous portion, and is most gracious in his comments, for which we thank him.

EMERSON BURNS, Grand High Priest.

JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OREGON

It was on the soil of the Sovereign State of Oregon that the first Masonic altar was erected on the Pacific Coast, in the year 1848. Three years later the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was organized. After an interval of twelve years the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was authorized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Sixty-six years later the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon met in their Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation, in Masonic Temple, Astoria, Oregon, on Monday, April 12, 1926, at 10 A. M. Grand Chapter was opened by Most Excellent Grand High Priest JOHN K. KOLLOCK, assisted by all of the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand High Priests and the representatives from thirty-eight of the fifty-two constituent Chapters.

The distinguished visitors present and received with grand honors were:

PERCY W. KELLY, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon; JAMES E. MARTIN, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon; GEORGE T. COCHRAN, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oregon, and Most Excellent Companion HORACE W. TYLER, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

After the reception of the Grand Representatives and the appointment of the standing Committees to whom is entrusted the detail work of the Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest KOLLOCK presented to Grand Chapter his an-

nual address. In welcoming the Grand Chapter to Astoria he reminded them that the day was the "One hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the landing of the first white settlers within the boundaries of the State, the John Jacob Astor ship, 'Tonquin,' having on April 12, 1811, disembarked her settlers."

Four pages of the address are given to a report upon Necrology.

One new Chapter was constituted during the year, and one request for dispensation to form a new Chapter was refused.

The practice of District Convocations, at which a number of Chapters participate, has met with much favor, as well as joint inter-State meetings, all of which assisted in developing a closer fraternal relationship among the Chapters near by each other.

His recommendation that the Committee on Ritual be empowered to act "as custodians and instructors of the work," elevates them to the dignity of representatives of the Grand High Priest, to whom we in Pennsylvania give the title of District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Subordinate Jurisdiction receives some consideration, since it must be a more serious problem in Oregon than it is in Jurisdictions that are more populous, and whose means of communication have reached a greater degree of improvement than they have in a Jurisdiction that must have many Chapters located off of main arteries of travel. The problem was adjusted by recommending a standing Committee appointed by Grand Chapter to act finally upon all questions of Jurisdiction that might arise.

His recommendation to make all Past High Priests members of the Grand Chapter would only be in conformity with the practice in many other Jurisdictions, and should be adopted.

Report of the Grand Treasurer shows $26,250.00 in secured investments in his hands.

Report of Grand Secretary shows a net gain in membership of 161. Number of Chapters, 48; total membership, 7,209.

GEORGE E. SWAFFORD, Grand High Priest.

D. RUFUS CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

QUEBEC

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled at Montreal, Canada, March 24, 1926, in their Forty-ninth Annuual Convocation.

After the preliminary duties of appointing the various Committees to take care of the work of Grand Chapter at this Convocation the Grand High Priest presented his annual address, which was interesting throughout in its analysis of his labors during his year of service.

Among the really good things he said we quote the following:

"Masonry is a science. It seeks to instruct, educate and develop the mind; it provides rules of life; it opens the door to the proper application of the Golden Rule; it raises men's thoughts to an eternal home; and it provides only the highest ideals as a guide to man's conduct.

"Craft Masonry lays the foundation, and Royal Arch Masonry raises the superstructure till its completion by the placing of the copestone. Craft Masonry teaches us our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves, and Royal Arch Masonry not only emphasizes those

duties, but reminds us that the completion of the Arch by the placing of the keystone and the finishing of the building by the placing of its copestone direct us to apply these lessons to our lives so that the keystone will represent solidity and honesty of action and the copestone the crowning wreath of glory upon lives applied to the application of these principles."

A net increase of sixty-six in membership for the year is noted and it is observed also that about 22 per cent. of Craft Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction have availed themselves of the privileges of the Capitular degrees.

The history of the unhappy incident with the Grand Chapter of England is again recalled with the acknowledgement of a restoration of fraternal relationship.

One Chapter was constituted during the year. Ten official Grand visitations to constituent Chapters were made during the year.

The custom of attending Divine services in a body is one not familiar to Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons, but it seems to be a practice by which much good could come to the Craft. A closing thought was that

"The public reputation of the institution will be generally said to rise or fall as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable."

Reports of the Grand Superintendents and the Grand Lecturer show that much enthusiasm is manifest throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

The twenty-one Chapters of the Jurisdiction suspended only fifty-one members for non-payment of dues.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was well prepared by Most Excellent Companion E.

T. D. CHAMBERS, in which he gives Pennsylvania courteous notice.

M. E. Companion A. B. J. MOORE, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held at Weyburn, February 17, 1926.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 10.20 A. M. by Most Excellent Companion CHARLES P. MOORE, Grand Z, assisted by the Grand Officers and the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was welcomed to the city of Weyburn by DR. F. J. BRUNACOME, Mayor of the city.

Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of Most Excellent Companion WILLIAM W. SHAW, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, and Most Worshipful Brother J. W. MCNEILL, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Saskatchewan.

The address of the Grand Z was an interesting account of his stewardship of one year, during which the destinies of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan was given into his keeping. That he was a zealous, efficient and faithful servant is shown in the constitution of four new Chapters and an official visitation to each one of the subordinate Chapters in his Jurisdiction. A Grand Jurisdiction that can enjoy

such a privilege should congratulate itself, for in very few Jurisdictions is it possible for the Grand High Priest to visit all his subordinate Chapters. Perhaps no other incident gives such a local impetus to Chapter activity as a visitation by a Grand Officer, and especially a Grand High Priest.

A dispensation was refused to permit members to wear Royal Arch regalia at a Masonic dance. The reviewer is perplexed to understand why such permission should be asked.

The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan is suffering the same ailment that we have found in our reviewing of other Grand Jurisdictions, that is, a large decrease in membership on account of suspension for non-payment of dues. Perhaps in a few years we will be well rid of this dead material, and the entire Capitular body be the better for their retirement.

Report of the Grand Secretary shows a net loss in membership of eighty for the year, and a total membership, December 31, 1925, of 2,557.

Report of the Grand Superintendents shows a healthy condition of the Craft throughout the entire Jurisdiction and a greater zeal in the ritual than was formerly manifested.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was well written by R. E. Companion F. B. REILLY. Pennsylvania receives courteous notice.

M. E. Companion E. PINKERTON, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion F. B. REILLY, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SCOTLAND

Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, Friday, March 19, 1926. The Convocation was for the purpose of again installing M. E. Companion The Earl of CASSILLIS, Grand Z. The ceremony was conducted by M. E. Companion SIR R. KING STEWART.

The Office Bearers and Companions thereafter proceeded to the banquet hall to celebrate the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, at which were present 120 Royal Arch Masons.

Toasts were proposed in honor of "The King," "The Queen, the Duke of Rothesay and the Royal Family," "The Imperial Forces," "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland," to all of which eloquent responses were made.

At a meeting of the Supreme Committee, held June 4, 1926, eight petitions for charters for new Chapters were received and recommended.

Report was made upon the unhappy conditions existing between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, which looked forward to a happy solution.

Report from Grand Superintendent MAXWELL H. ANDERSON, at Gilbraltar, that St. Andrew Chapter, No. 358, would shortly become dormant "on account of the reduction or elimination of the staff of British employees in the Royal dockyards," at Ferrol, where the Chapter is located. Es-Salam Chapter, No. 506, was consecrated at Beirut, Syria.

H. J. B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The year 1812 is important in American history, in that it marks the beginning of that struggle between the United States and Great Britain that forever established the skill of American seamanship. At the conclusion of that conflict England was no longer the undisputed mistress of the high seas. The American Navy as an offensive and defensive force had come into being.

It was in this same year that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina was formed.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina assembled in Greenville, S. C., April 26, 1926, at 10 A. M.

Grand Chapter was opened by Companion CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, Grand High Priest, assisted by all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of thirty-five of its forty-two subordinate Chapters.

Distinguished visitors present were:

Companion J. R. MCCRACKEN, Representative of the Grand High Priest of North Carolina, and DR. ALBERT NEW and WILLIAM RITCHIE SMITH, Past Grand High Priests of the same Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest, in beginning his annual address, said:

"No human endeavor can be successful unless it has God's blessing and has embodied in it a large measure of human service. It is our duty, as leaders of the Craft, to so conduct ourselves in private as well as in our public life that others may safely follow us without fear of stumbling. Let each of us so live that our lives may be shining lights, leading those who come after to higher and better things."

It is sentiments such as these put into the actual affairs of our common everyday life by those who are leaders in Freemasonry that has made the Fraternity the force for human uplift and social betterment that it has always been.

South Carolina seems also to have trouble with its Capitular ritual, for, says the Grand High Priest:

"We are fast getting away from the unfortunate ritualistic muddle, and it is time now that our High Priests were prepared to confer the degrees in a manner that would stimulate interest in them."

His record of the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and his description of the building was full, complete and very interesting.

No dispensations for railroading candidates were issued, and no decisions were necessary during the year.

Grand High Priest CHREITZBERG enjoys the unusual and unique distinction of being the official head of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina at the same time. He must be an uncommonly vigorous and capable man, as well as a zealous and efficient Freemason, to measure up to such responsibility.

Report of Grand Secretary shows a loss in membership for the year of 176.

Companion CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina met in their One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation April 28, 1926, at Greenville, South Carolina.

South Carolina is always interesting, and sometimes it is unique.

It is interesting to reflect that when the first Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held our common country was small in extent, and that Capitular Masonry as an organic body was yet in its infancy.

South Carolina at this Convocation did an unusual and unique act in electing as their Grand High Priest one who was at the time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and also Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Never before in our reviews have we observed a similar coincidence. Grand High Priest CHREITZBERG must be an exceedingly vigorous man, both physically and mentally, to occupy these exalted Masonic stations in so important a Jurisdiction as South Carolina at the same time.

In his address he says that his duties have not been so very arduous, that no question of law was submitted for his decision and that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

At this Convocation there were present eight Grand Officers, ten Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of thirty-five of the forty-two subordinate Chapters.

Among the distinguished visitors we note Companion J. R. MCCRACKIN, Representative of the Grand High Priest of North Carolina, and DR. ALBERT NEW and WILLIAM RITCHIE SMITH, Past Grand High Priests of North Carolina.

In the statistical report of the Grand Secretary we note a decrease of 176 in membership, due largely to suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee did not share the hope of the Grand High Priest that the occasion for "Decisions" would disappear entirely as Chapter Officers became more familiar with Capitular law. They continue to believe that there will always be work for the Jurisprudence Committee and that Othello's occupation will not be gone.

From the report of the Committee on Necrology we quote the following splendid sentiment:

"Consecration to God's plan and purposes does not eradicate our deep human love, but rather heightens, refines and sanctifies it. It may be very majestic not to shed tears; but it is most inhuman, most ungodly. . . . Our holy faith educates our humanity, not deadens it; and when we are in tears it helps us to see through them nearly into heaven."

The Review of Proceedings of other Grand Chapters is prepared by Companion MICHIE in his usual felicitous style. South Carolina would lose some of its interest if it were deprived of the services of this genial correspondent.

The report covers 115 pages, of which Pennsylvania gets two well written and complete in every detail. The entire volume is attractively bound and compiled, and in keeping with the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina.

Companion CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, at Yankton, Thursday, June 10, 1926, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Acting M. E. Grand High Priest, JOHN O. KAMMERMAN, assisted by the Grand Officers and Companions present, opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter was most unfortunate in losing their Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES L. BROCKWAY, by death, on October 5, 1925, which occasioned R. E. Grand King JOHN O. KAMMERMAN to assume the office of Grand High Priest.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present, also twenty-six Past High Priests.

There was no Representative from Pennsylvania among the recorded Grand Representatives.

The address of the Acting Grand High Priest occupies sixteen pages in their proceedings, and it, like many other addresses by the M. E. Grand High Priest, is a recapitulation of the activities of the Grand Chapter for the Masonic year.

His welcome to the members of Grand Chapter was fraternal, and came from his heart. He said that the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was constituted over thirty-six years ago, and, referring to what had been done in these years, said:

"Progress has been made in Capitular Masonry as well as in science. This great body, designed for the uplifting of mankind, has spread and firmly planted its banners in all States and several foreign countries, and, as we have held first place among fraternal organizations for centuries, you can realize that Capitular Masonry has been founded on a permanent foundation, as permanent as the fertile plains or the everlasting mountains of our State. We have taken as our belief that brotherly love is the greatest thing in life. We have obligated ourselves to the principles of service to mankind. If we will adapt these principles to ourselves, and eliminate all jealousies, enmities, hatred of race or creed, and keep these things out of our Fraternity, we will be giving that service to which this Fraternity is dedicated, and thereby show the world that Masonic ideals are not only high, but that the standard of our ideal is the highest possible to be attained.

"While everything around us may be changing or advancing with the times and styles, we should never let any new fads or fancies so alter our minds that we would allow the ideals of Masonry to be disturbed."

Under the head of Necrology, he paid a loving tribute to the memory of Companion CHARLES L. BROCKWAY.

Then followed a number of items which were purely local, and not interesting to Pennsylvania readers.

Under the head of decisions, he said:

"The fact that I have not been called upon to make a decision on Capitular Masonic law would indicate either that the Craft are not interested or that they are becoming more proficient along this line. I am of the opinion that the last surmise is correct."

They have a Gettysburg Chapter in South Dakota.

He made thirteen official visitations during the year, and reported that nearly all of them were prosperous and enthusiastic in the work. He mentioned frequently that such and such a Chapter introduced music in the ritual, which added greatly to the work.

He made several recommendations, including two-day session of the Grand Chapter, instead of one-day session, as is the present custom. The recommendation was subsequently approved, by resolution of Grand Chapter.

Under the heading "State of the Craft," he said that the Grand Secretary's report will show that there has been a net loss of 22 this past year. He said a chain of circumstances produced this result, but did not mention any one cause. We presume that General Apathy and General Indifference had most to do with it, and we also notice they have been getting in their work in fine shape in Pennsylvania.

He spoke discouragedly of the attendance at the meetings of the subordinate Chapters, and expressed a wish that he knew of some way to impress on every Royal Arch Mason the importance of regular attendance at the regular meetings.

He tries to comfort himself by telling that other Jurisdictions are in the same boat. Complaint had been made to him that Chapter work was impeded by Scottish Rite activities, and he makes a plea for harmony.

Let me say right here that as long as the Shrine is the chief object of the Master Mason, he will strive to obtain that goal along lines of the least resistance, and he will favor the York Rite or the Scottish Rite as best suits his purse.

By resolution, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons recognized as a Sovereign Grand Body of Capitular Masonry the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland, of which M. E. Companion JOHN A. MILES is First Grand Principal, and R. E. Companion THOMAS C. MOXLEY is Grand Scribe E.

Companion JOHN A. KAMMERMAN was elected M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion ROBERT S. HART is the new reviewer for South Dakota, succeeding Companion CHARLES LEWIS BROCKWAY, who passed away during his term of Grand High Priest.

He reviewed Pennsylvania for 1925, devoting two full pages, taking exception, however, to Dr. BELL'S review of Oregon for 1925. We will let the Doctor make his reply, for which he is very capable.

Companion JOHN O. KAMMERMAN, M. E. Grand High Priest, Rapid City.

Companion GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, R. E. Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls.

Companion ROBERT S. HART, Reviewer, Groton.

E. E., Jr.

TENNESSEE.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Nashville, beginning on Monday, January 25, A. D., 1926, A. I. 2456, at 9 A. M.

M. E. Companion J. WINFIELD DARBY, Grand High Priest, Presiding.

There were thirteen Past Grand High Priests present, also forty-five Past High Priests.

No record was made of a Grand Representative of Pennsylvania being present.

Chapters represented, 84; not represented, 5.

Two distinguished visitors from North Carolina, namely, M. E. Companion A. B. ANDREWS and R. E. Companion JOHN S. MCECHERN, were admitted and duly welcomed.

The Grand High Priest, Companion J. WINFIELD DARBY, then commenced his address to Grand Chapter.

Like most addresses of Grand High Priests at an annual convocation, it was made up of the doings of Grand Chapter for the year.

He congratulated the Masons of Tennessee on the peace and prosperity that pervades Tennessee, the World and the Masonic Fraternity, especially those of the Royal Craft, and feels sure that they have contributed their full share to this most desirable object.

He then adds:

"I am sure, too, that our Companions in the Jurisdiction of Tennessee have held up the standards of education, of friendship, of charity and all that is best in good citizenship, and have enjoyed, in a marked degree, the blessings so bountifully bestowed upon our great State by a kind and merciful Heavenly Father."

Speaking of those who have gone before, he said:

"Each year we must record the passing of a long list of our Companions of this and other Jurisdictions. How it softens the heart and moves us to feelings of sympathy and reverence! We find ourselves less inclined to find fault, less inclined to hasty judgment, more inclined to speak the kindly word, and more inclined to extend the hand of friendship."

Mentioning other Grand Jurisdictions, he recalls Companion CARL A. SUNDSTROM, Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania.

He mentions two important communications, which was interesting to the reviewer, as he also received a picture of Companion SMART.

He granted thirteen dispensations for various reasons and requests.

He frankly stated that he made but few visitations, owing to the press of business.

He attended a good old-fashioned country picnic however, and was bombarded with volley after volley of oratory, after which fried chicken in abundance with other good things of life, with royal fellowship incident to a meeting of this kind made up for the overflow of oratory.

He also visited the Widows' and Orphans' Home, where Grand Lodge cares for over three hundred people, and characterized it as "truly a great institution."

It appears that there are two inactive Chapters in Tennessee, but he was not able to restore them and so "passed the buck" to the incoming Grand High Priest and to the Grand Chapter.

He made two recommendations, and concluded his address with a short but beautiful poem.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance on hand of $6214.45 at the end of the Masonic Year.

The Grand Secretary's report stated: Total Companions exalted, 554; net gain, 198; total membership, October 31, 1925, 11,237; number of Chapters in roll, 90.

The railroad granted a reduced rate on the identification certificate plan for the meeting, same as in Pennsylvania.

Then followed the Curator's report and Ritual report.

Under the heading, "Delinquent Chapters," was the following:

"On motion, the Chapters that failed to return the ritual receipt within the time limit were fined $10.00 each, and the Grand Sec-

retary was ordered to collect the fine, and it was further ordered that the representatives of said Chapters be enrolled and be allowed mileage and per diem."

A special committee, headed by M. E. Companion CHARLES H. SMART, submitted a report outlining a plan for teaching the ritual.

The office of Grand Lecturer being abolished, the Committee recommended a system similar to our District Deputies in Pennsylvania.

On the recommendation of Jurisprudence Committee, action was deferred and referred back for future study and report.

The Committee on Education made the following report which was adopted:

"On this occasion we celebrate the ending of the fifth year of the official relation of this Grand Chapter to the cause of public education. At the inception of our activities we found the educational system of the State the step child of political factions, buffed about at the will and pleasure of designing politicians.

"In January, 1921, you endorsed my recommendation for the survey of the educational conditions of the State, which enabled your Commission to file a report in January, 1922, which became the basis for our subsequent efforts and received nation-wide recognition in Capitular Masonic circles.

"Now championship of education is the keynote of practically everyone in public life, and the needs of our once neglected educational system have become the principal plank in every political platform.

"We have made fine progress. We have put on the statute books fine school legislation. Many of our counties have caught step with the State program. Consolidated schools, better paid teachers, and longer school terms resulted.

"The picture, however, has its shadows. Barriers have been reached which seem to resist every assault. Many of our counties have made practically no progress. They have the same scattered, dilapidated one-room huts, impossible of access in bad weather over neglected roads. Our problem is to stimulate a sense of pride, and perhaps sacrifice, among the taxpayers of our backward counties so that the county courts will at least meet the State half way in providing money for school and road improvements. Many of you Companions are members of the county courts and have within your keeping the responsibility of providing proper educational facilities in your communities. Our duty as Masons calls for a militant sponsorship of the public, and particularly the rural school."

The above report is very interesting to read.

The Jurisprudence Committee is after our own heart, not being afraid to speak out in open meeting.

Pennsylvania was reviewed by M. E. Companion C. H. SHORT in a page and one-half article. The writer confesses that he is puzzled at the last paragraph of Companion SHORT'S review and can't understand what "but don't call out of our name," means. Maybe light will come with reflection. At any rate I intend to live in peace with Companion SHORT and the other Correspondents.

Companion ALFRED C. MORGAN, M. E. Grand High Priest, Clarksville.

Companion STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

Companion C. H. SMART, Correspondent, Nashville.

E. E., JR.

TEXAS

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Waco, Monday, November 30, A. D. 1925, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Companion FRANK HOLT, M. E. Grand High Priest; Companion JOHN M. WEEKLEY, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion DAN N. CUSHING, R. E. Grand King; Companion GEORGE W. EMERY, R. E. Grand Scribe, and the other officers in their respective places.

Companion H. R. HEAD, of the Committee on Credentials, reported eight Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Officers, twenty-three Grand Representatives, thirteen Grand Visitors, one hundred seventeen High Priests and one hundred seven representatives of chartered Chapters present.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was opened in its Seventy-sixth Grand Annual Convocation in *Ample Form.*

The Grand High Priest said:

"The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas is thankful to Almighty God for its many blessings, not the least among which is that no present or past Grand Officer has been removed from our ranks by death during this year.

"Let us join with the excellent Grand Chaplain and reverently thank the Eternal One, and at the same time humbly seek that divine direction which will enable us to see clearly and perform wisely in the doings of this Grand Chapter."

On motion of Past Grand High Priest ED. R. BRYAN, the privilege of this Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas was extended to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing of this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

The list of Grand Representatives was then called, but no one responded for Pennsylvania.

The report of the Grand High Priest commenced with:

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this Grand Convocation, and to ask both those in attendance for the first time and those who have attended former Grand Convocations of this Grand

Chapter to join heartily in our proceedings in reviewing what has been done and in legislating for the present and for the future."

In speaking of the gain in membership, he said:

"Royal Arch Chapters in Texas have not conferred as many degrees this year as were conferred in some former years, and our net gain in membership is not a net gain such as will appeal to those who may be interested in only numerical strength, but the fall-off in the amount of degree work has afforded us all the better opportunity for learning for ourselves and for communicating to others something of the meaning of our symbols, and thus obtaining a greater appreciation of the priceless heritage which is ours."

He recounted the noble work of two enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons, viz:

"Very Excellent Companion SAM J. HELM, Past Grand High Priest, and Right Excellent Companion T. M. BARTLEY, Grand Secretary, visited over sixty-five Chapters in Texas, and inspired all those who heard them to greater efforts in the cause of Masonry. It was my good fortune and exceeding joy and delight to be present at several of these meetings. Practically every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction had an opportunity to hear most sublime interpretations of our symbols and the privilege of being made to think on Masonry, and to learn that just as we make use of our knowledge of Masonry and help some other Companion to understand more Masonry than he formerly understood, so do we advance nearer to the goal of that purpose for which we are organized—service to God and to man."

His entire address was an able effort to inspire interest in Capitular Masonry.

In regard to monthly reports by Subordinate Chapters, he said:

"Some Chapters needed to be taught, and I tried to teach them that reports are to be made monthly to the Grand Secretary and remittances made monthly for fees due the Grand Chapter. Actually there were some Chapters in Texas who seemed to be entertaining the idea, and following it out in practice, that it was quite the proper thing to do to confer degrees in January and wait until the end of a year or longer to report to the Grand Secretary and remit the

fee which was collected for the Grand Chapter. I have endeavored to impress Chapters that they do wrong in withholding the fees from the Grand Chapter longer than the first of the month following the conferring of the Royal Arch degree or the affiliation or reinstatement."

It is hard to tell what would be done with a Chapter failing to report each month to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The first offense would probably be met with a reprimand, and the second would bring a change of the Secretary, or the sequestering of the charter. At any rate, it would not run along for twelve months without some very drastic action on the part of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

He spoke feelingly and in praise of the Masonic Home for Aged Masons, and urged continued support.

He said that the Grand Chapter of Texas had fraternal relations with all other Grand Chapters except Scotland. It seems the olive branch was extended by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and was refused as follows:

"I had to decline this exchange of Representatives for the reason that our Grand Chapter's severance of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland in 1913 is not changed or affected by the agreement entered into by the Grand Chapter of Scotland in 1924, with the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

A number of dispensations were granted, for various reasons.

Nearly forty legal instruments were executed by the Grand High Priest, at the request of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Home for Aged Masons, all pertaining to loans from the Endowment Fund of the Home.

He disciplined one Chapter for not heeding a protest against the admission of a candidate for the degrees.

He arrested nine charters and recommended they be revoked by the Grand Chapter.

Speaking of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion THOMAS M. BARTLEY, he said:

"No Grand High Priest ever had a more efficient Grand Secretary to help him than I have had. Not only has he rendered to this Grand Chapter faithful, intelligent service in the discharge of his duties as Grand Secretary, but he has given to your Grand High Priest wholesome advice and wise counsel on numerous occasions, when the Grand High Priest requested advice, and in addition to that he has helped Companions all over this State to a better understanding of Capitular Masonry, its principles, aims, purposes and symbolism."

He made three recommendations to the Grand Chapter, and concluded his report.

The report of the Home for Aged Masons is very interesting, as is shown by the following paragraph:

"We call your attention to the low cost of maintenance for the past year, which is 78½ cents per day per member in main building and $1.42 per member in the Hospital. This is a direct result of the economical buying and management of Superintendent BROWN, and the canning of fruit and vegetables by Mrs. BROWN.

"We also call your attention to our Endowment Fund, which shows investments secured by real estate of $485,590.79, and cash in bank amounting to $52,830.42, making a grand total of $538,421.21 in the Endowment Fund."

The Auditor's report on the Home shows:

"Exhibit 'A' shows present assets in bank deposits, notes and cost of property, $863,555.64, and total contribution as set out $1,148,-571.60. Maintenance $32,994.42 and needed improvements, added to cost of property, $3,041.38, shows a total expenditure of $36,035.80, of which the Grand Chapter contributed $14,543.55 in addition to $36,600.00 for endowment fund, in this fiscal year."

Under the head of "The Fraternal Dead of Other Grand Jurisdictions" is mentioned Past Grand High Priest CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Orator, Companion JOHN MAXWELL, was introduced and delivered an oration, "Masonry, a Spiritual Force," which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings. It can be found in the Proceedings of 1925 of the Grand Chapter of Texas, commencing on Page 74, and is well worthy of reading and reflection. We copy one paragraph, which will show the drift of his thought:

"The conflict between truth and error, between the spiritual and material, is now waging with increasing fury. Pleasure and profit and power are the triune temptors that are seducing the youth and aged. They are robbing minds and souls of poise and happiness. Physical thrills are more to be desired than intelligent thoughts. Desire and passion are excuses for all activities."

A copy of the Proceedings of 1925 can be found in the Masonic Libraries at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Companion JOHN M. WEEKLEY was elected M. E. Grand High Priest. On being installed, he made quite an extended address, which was recorded in the Proceedings.

Companion T. M. BARTLEY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Companion NAT M. WASHER, San Antonio, represents Pennsylvania in the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

For the first time, the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is headed by M. E. Companion SAM J. HELM, Chairman, who, in his introductory remarks, says:

"This first attempt at writing a Review is submitted with misgivings as to its real value. A Review should present to the reader, not only the procedure, but the thought of the various Jurisdictions, and both should be compared to his own Jurisdiction. If this is done correctly, the newly-made Companion may learn much about his own Grand Chapter, as well as others, while the older Companions read more for the news from the other Jurisdictions than for any other information.

"Sometimes a sentence, or even a phrase, may be very important, especially if it betrays a lowering of Masonic standards or if it drops a hint which will lead the mind of the young Mason to the quarries or mines where the nuggets are to be found. When such a phrase is found, it is most difficult to confine comment to the small space permitted in a Review."

In conclusion, he writes:

"Membership of the Royal Craft in the United States is now, in round numbers, 800,000. As to what proportion of these are well-grounded in the fundamentals of Masonry is a matter of conjecture, but the strength of the Fraternity rests upon those who are. The member who is not familiar with the fundamentals should be either educated or ejected, because he is useless to the Royal Craft. Many Grand Chapters are working diligently to educate their members, and upon this work depends not only the usefulness, but the reputation of Masonry.

"We are now paying the penalty for having thrown the doors almost wide open during the war. There was more grist than the mill could grind, and some of it was not up to the standard. 'Barren corn makes bitter bread.' Companions who are not desirous of instruction in the fundamentals are unworthy of our privileges. Those who do desire instruction should receive it. They are entitled to it, they have paid for it, and their Chapters owe it to them. Masonry's greatest work during the next few years is the education of members in Masonry.

"Thousands of members do not know that York Rite Masonry begins with the Entered Apprentice degree and that Blue Lodge Masonry is York Rite and nothing else. The Grand Chapters realize and emphasize, however, that a real understanding or appreciation of Craft Masonry is absolutely impossible without the further light which is found only in the Capitular degrees.

"The position which Masonry is to hold ten years hence, its power for good and its standing in the estimation of the world at large, will be determined largely by the success of Royal Arch Chapters in educating Masons in Masonry during the next few years."

We give him this extended notice to show what an accomplished Freemason is at the head of the Committee on

Correspondence, and to impress on the readers of this Review the soundness of his deductions.

Pennsylvania (1924) is reviewed in three pages, in a thorough and satisfactory manner.

He takes a fall out of Past Grand High Priest JOHN M. CORE, on account of his name, and says it is not fair that Pennsylvania has no representation at the sessions of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We are going to like the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

We were quite overwhelmed by opening up a volume two and one-quarter inches thick, which proved to be the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the year 1925.

JOHN M. WEEKLEY, M. E. Grand High Priest, Ennis.

T. M. BARTLEY, R. E. Grand Secretary, Waco.

SAM J. HELM, Correspondent, Corsicana.

E. E., Jr.

UTAH

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was held at the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on May 10, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456, at ten o'clock A. M.

M. E. Companion JOHN C. BROWN, Grand High Priest, called the Convocation to order and directed the Acting Grand Secretary to make the following notations:

J. E. CARVER to act as Grand Chaplain, G. W. BARROWS as Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. BAILEY as Grand Master of Second Vail, J. M. DUNLAP as Grand Sentinel.

The Acting Grand Secretary was then directed to call the roll of the Grand Officers and representatives of Chapters, of which there appeared a constitutional representation of Chapters and representatives present.

Then followed the invocation by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Chapter was declared opened in *Ample Form.*

The following visitors were announced and duly welcomed by Grand High Priest M. E. JOHN C. BROWN:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of F. and A. M. of Utah, Companion FRED MORGAN NYE, also Companion FRED CLEMENT SCHRAMM, Grand Inspector General of the A. and A. S. Rite of Utah and Nevada, and Companion and Noble H. P. KIRTLEY, Imperial Potentate of El Kalah Temple, A. A. O. N. of Mystic Shrine, to whom the grand honors were given.

Grand Master F. M. NYE, in response to his welcome, said:

"It is indeed a pleasure and privilege to be here on the occasion of this Convocation and extend you the fraternal greetings and well wishes of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah. I am pleased to note that you have honored the high office of my home town. We have here, in Utah, the smallest Jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge in the United States, with the exception of one. This one is located to the west of us, in Nevada. While small in number in Utah, I feel that we are large in the character of our membership; we have many activities that are making better Masons and better men out of our membership. While Masonry has not grown much in Utah in the past year, not as much as many of us would have liked, Blue Lodge Masonry has given us confidence to provide and carry on additional work among the Jurisdiction, making better men and better Masons for the higher bodies. There has been a desire generally all over the country to take more active part in service for fellowmen and brother Masons that has been given expression recently in an organization that has been organized to give relief to tubercular Masons. It is one most commendable. You know it has been ascertained that there are from three to four thousand

Masons in these United States that die annually from tuberculosis, and they have taken that up in a national way to relieve that condition in this Jurisdiction. It is a pleasure, as I have already said, to be here, and if the Grand Master or any of the Grand Officers can be of any service at this particular time we are pleased to offer our good offices."

We print his reply in full to show the readers of this Review what is being done by the Masons of Utah.

The Grand Representatives of twenty States, also of British Columbia, Canada, and West Australia were greeted with grand honors. In the course of his address to them, the M. E. Grand High Priest said:

"I hope that every one of you will convey the most fraternal greetings of this Grand Chapter to the Jurisdictions that you represent, and tell them that peace and harmony prevails in this Jurisdiction, and we extend to them our heartfelt wishes for their prosperity."

Pennsylvania was not represented, as our representative, Companion LAWRENCE M. BRUMBAUGH, had removed to Ohio.

The M. E. Grand High Priest's report covered the year thoroughly, among other items presenting the following:

"Literature has been received at divers times relating to the objects of this association and also calling attention to the burden that has been placed upon the Masons of New Mexico through the large number of needy or destitute Brethren seeking the restoration of health in their State. Any aid that this Grand body may be able to extend to this movement in our neighboring Jurisdiction will surely be appreciated by them."

It would seem that this is a movement that should be generously supported by every Grand body in the States.

The Treasurer's report showed total receipts, $1,958.36; total disbursements, $976.63; balance on checking account, $981.73.

Total number of subordinate Chapters, 8; memberships, 1,241; exalted, 69.

Past Grand High Priest J. C. BROWN was presented with a beautiful watch by the Grand Chapter of Utah, in appreciation of his services. The proceedings show he was a man of more than ordinary ability, but he was handicapped in obtaining results by a very quiet year in Capitular Masonry.

Pennsylvania is generously given a review of over a full page.

The reviewer gives us credit for a flourishing and harmonious condition in 1925. He is entirely correct about the harmonious part, but altogether wrong as to the flourishing part. Pennsylvania Grand Chapter did not flourish in 1925, and is not flourishing in 1926, but watch 1927! We think times will change.

A new Grand Representative will have to be appointed in the Grand Chapter of Utah, in place of Companion LAWRENCE M. BRUMBAUGH, removed to Ohio.

The review of Pennsylvania is concluded as follows:

"It requires an accomplished and patient—accent on both adjectives—reviewer to do any justice to the proceedings, as a whole, when divided into quarterly communications, hence this writer falls down. Query: Why no definite statistical report of membership from the Grand Secretary at the Annual brought down to date?"

We entirely agree with Companion WILKINS.

M. E. LEROY A. MAGEE, Grand High Priest, Price, Utah.

R. E. G. B. ROBERTS, Grand Secretary, Ogden, Utah.

E. WM. H. WILKINS, Grand Correspondent, Salt Lake City, Utah.

E. E., Jr.

VERMONT

The One Hundred Ninth Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. ROGER S. PIKE, Grand High Priest, in *Ample Form,* with the assistance of the Grand Officers.

ROBERT M. MILLS, Representative of Pennsylvania, was present.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ROGER S. PIKE, was short, compared with addresses of Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions. It embraced Necrology, District Deputies' Meetings, District Meetings, George Washington Memorial, National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Invitations, etc., and concluded by thanking Grand Chapter for honors conferred and courtesies extended during the Capitular year.

The Grand Secretary's report showed there were thirty Chapters in good standing; number Royal Arch Masons, 1926, 5,987; net gain during the year, 5.

In the course of the report of the Grand Lecturer, Companion T. J. ALLEN, he said:

"I am satisfied that the status of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction is secure. Still its ideals have not been reached—they are before us. Toward them we should aim by united effort, renewed interest and a sincere desire to promote those standards of general perfection so essential to the welfare of the Craft."

Pennsylvania was reviewed at length by the new Chairman on Correspondence, Companion P. G. H. P. ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, who devotes two pages to that subject. He no

doubt finds it more difficult to review four meetings a year than one annual meeting, which is the custom in most Grand Jurisdictions.

The proceedings of Vermont Grand Chapter shows their annual meeting to be one of quiet dignity, which should govern every meeting of a Masonic body, grand or subordinate.

M. E. Companion EDWIN B. CLIFT, Grand High Priest, Fair Haven.

R. E. Companion HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

M. E. Companion ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, Correspondent.

E. E., Jr.

VICTORIA

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria held four Convocations, July 15, October 21, 1925, and January 20 and April 21, 1926, M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD, Grand Z, in the Oriental Chair.

Like the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, it holds four meetings a year, which makes it harder to review, and select the high points of the Proceedings.

At the Convocation July 15, 1925, the First Grand Principal said:

"My first quarterly communication to Grand Chapter must be limited largely to recording the activities of the Grand Officers for the past three months in carrying out consecration and installation ceremonies in metropolitan and country Chapters. It so happens that the first quarter of the Chapter year puts to a severe test the endur-

ance, the loyalty, and the enthusiasm of the newly-invested Officers. This quarter the work has been heavier than for any similar period in the history of the Grand Chapter, and I highly appreciate the support I have received from my colleagues and Officers and the marked ability they have displayed in the execution of the duties assigned to them."

He tells us that three Grand Principals, eight present Grand Officers and a number of Past Grand Officers were present, on May 9, at the consecration of the Horsham Chapter, No. 55, and the installation of its foundation Principals. This Chapter started with 30 foundation members, and has a large number of candidates awaiting exaltation.

On May 16, 1925, there was a consecration of Hampden Chapter, No. 56, and a dual installation with Western District Chapter, No. 22, of the Principals-elect, which the Grand Principal believes is the first attempted in Victorian Chapters.

He said dual installations are not infrequent in the Craft, but in Chapters the matter is more difficult, and G. D. C. and the presenting Officers are to be complimented on the success achieved.

The third consecration for the quarter took place on Swan Hill, June 6, when the Grand Principal constituted Murray Chapter, No. 57.

In his report the Grand Z complains that five essential members of the new Chapter were absent at the consecration. It is the same old story of men who want the honors but do not wish to do the work.

He then speaks of country and metropolitan installations, and ended up his report with a dissertation on qualifications for office, which can be profitably heeded by every Grand and subordinate Chapter.

"No portion of our Ritual is truer than that in which we are reminded that 'first impressions are often the most durable, and the most difficult to eradicate,' and I earnestly commend to the attention of every Companion the communication from my predecessor, as read at our last Convocation, in which he refers to the subject of inefficiency in Officers. Indeed, I understand that the Committee of General Purposes intends to make an early report on the same subject, and to require an extract from M. E. Companion CALLAWAY'S communication to be read annually in every Chapter before the selection of its Principals and Officers. This will mean no reflection on the Chapters —and they are in a majority—where only capable Companions are entrusted with the responsibilities of office, though it will be an annual reminder to them never to lower their standard; but in a few cases it will forcibly remind Chapters of the attitude of Grand Chapter on this subject, and prevent the election and appointment of Companions unqualified for office. In the very nature of things, only a small percentage of the membership of a Chapter ever could attain office. This being so, the general body of the members should see to it that only the very cream of their number shall be placed in office."

M. E. Companion JOHN ADCOCK, P. G. H., represented Pennsylvania at this Convocation.

The interest in the First Quarterly Meeting was enhanced by the publication of an abridged address by M. E. Companion A. H. HANFORD, M. E. Z. of Emulation Chapter, No. 41, his subject being "The Two Names," which the reviewer recommends the Companions of Pennsylvania to procure, in a copy of the Proceedings ending April, 1926.

The second Quarterly Communication was held October 31, 1925, at Melbourne, at which the First Grand Principal again speaks of installations, metropolitan and country, which is confusing to the reviewer. The custom in Pennsylvania is to install officers on or before St. John's Day, December 27, the election usually being in December of each year, the exception being the constitution of a new Chapter.

At the conclusion of this quarterly meeting, Companion and Rev. JACOB DANGLOW, M. A., delivered a lecture on

"Our Ensigns and Banners," which is published in full in the proceedings, and furnishes most interesting reading to the student of Capitular Masonry. Get a copy and read it.

At the third Quarterly Meeting, the Grand Z speaks of country and metropolitan installations.

M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD was nominated for re-election as First Grand Principal.

The Fourth and last Quarterly Meeting was held April 21, 1926, M. E. Companion GEORGE EDWIN EMERY, C. M. G., P. G. Z., acting Grand Z.

Under the heading of "Communications from Sister Grand Chapters" is noted:

> Pennsylvania—Circular announcing the death of M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
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> Official list of Chapters, Grand Officers, members of Committees, etc., for 1926.

After the elections and installation of the Officers, and the address of appreciation of M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD, the Grand Chapter was closed in *Ample, Ancient and Solemn Form,* at 9.30 P. M.

First Grand Principal, M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD.

Grand Scribe, R. E. Companion JOHN E. KENNEDY.

E. E., Jr.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Richmond,

Va., Tuesday evening, October 27, A. L. 5925, A. I. 2455, A. D. 1925, at 8 o'clock, when, after prayer by Companion F. T. McFaden, D. D., Grand Chaplain, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Solemn Form* by M. E. Grand High Priest Wm. Frank Bowden.

Nine Past Grand High Priests are recorded as being present. Ten District Deputy Grand High Priests were also in attendance.

Pennsylvania was not represented when the roll of Grand Representatives was called.

Companion William Frank Bowden, M. E. Grand High Priest, then commenced his address. After extending a hearty welcome to the Companions present, he announced the death of M. E. Sol Cutchins, Past Grand High Priest. It was quite a shock to learn of the passing of this most estimable Mason. We had not learned of his death, and, consequently, were not prepared for the shock of the announcement in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest. Our acquaintance with him was in Commandery circles, and it is now a pleasure to recall the pleasing memories of an elder day.

The Grand High Priest noted the passing of Carl A. Sundstrom, of blessed memory, Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest apologizes for not being able to visit many subordinate Chapters, on account of sickness and death, and then recounts over thirty official visits, besides others not official and of a social character. It would seem that he could not have done much more, and at the same time give his family and business any attention whatever.

He granted a number of dispensations, and made a few decisions.

You will judge from the following extract from the Proceedings what the Committee on Grand High Priest's address thought of his decisions and work of the year:

"The Grand Chapter and the Royal Craft is to be congratulated on the fact that the Grand High Priest was so situated that he was able to give so much of his time to the interests of Capitular Masonry, and we commend him for his zeal in the discharge of his duties, and his fidelity to a trust that lays heavy burdens on the conscience of him who would be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

"We approve of all the dispensations, and are glad to note that they were all for minor causes and generally to overcome some local condition.

"The decisions of the Grand High Priest show much thought and were assuredly made both in the interest of peace and harmony, and the upholding of law. We therefore approve of all, but have referred his request for a change in Section 182, Methodical Digest, to the Grand Committee of the Whole."

M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, presented to Companion WM. FRANK BOWDEN, retiring Grand High Priest, the handsome Gold Jewel of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia.

Pennsylvania is reviewed by Companion JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, who devotes a page and a half of the Proceedings of 1924, quoting M. E. Grand High Priest GEORGE P. DARROW'S address to the extent of twenty lines or more, commenting at the end, "That is all we got for our readers, after reading the whole volume." We admit that some Proceedings are dry and uninteresting, while others are bristling with life and information, and the most that can be gained is from the words and actions of the Grand High Priest, and the color of his report. Pennsylvania Grand Chapter is "sot in her ways," and one may not expect sensationalism or thrills to appear in the Proceedings, to afford an opportunity for a reporter to secure a "slam."

Companion EGGLESTON criticises the method of our reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, but what will he have? The writer confesses he is but a novice in the business, with no instructions from the appointing power, so he used his own judgment in reviewing, so as to give the Companions of Pennsylvania as clear an account of the doings of the Grand Chapters reviewed as possible. If they are not interested enough to read it, that is their lookout. We have done what we thought was right, and to the best interest of Capitular Masonry.

Frankly, judging from the officers of my own Chapter who receive a copy of the proceedings, they are not read, but I add it is to their loss, as many valuable items are contained between the covers of the proceedings of every Grand Chapter of Capitular Masonry.

Companion EDWARD A. JOACHIM, M. E. Grand High Priest, Charlottesville.

Companion J. GUS HANKINS, R. E. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 542, Richmond.

Companion JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, R. E. Fraternal Correspondent, Richmond.

E. E., Jr.

WASHINGTON

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington convened in Forty-second Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Yakima, Washington, on Monday, May 3, 1926, and was called to order by CHARLES H. STEFFEN, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, at the hour of 9.30 o'clock A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the proper officers, opened the Grand Chapter of

Royal Arch Masons of Washington in *Ample Form,* after being led in prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. JOHN C. KIRKMAN.

The address of welcome was made by Companion EMIL B. VELIKANJE, Past High Priest of Yakima Chapter, No. 21, and the response was made by Companion WILLIAM T. DRIPS, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

The roll of Representatives was called, and Companion FRANK N. MCCANDLESS answered for Pennsylvania.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then delivered his address, which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers.

After he had expressed his appreciation of being selected Grand High Priest, he stated he had visited a majority of the Chapters personally, and met most of the other Chapters' officers in collective or union convocations.

The Grand Chapter was called up and the Roll of Honor read by the Grand Secretary. This Roll of Honor comprised the names of fifteen Past Grand High Priests who had passed away between 1905 and 1925; also, one Honorary Grand Secretary.

He constituted three new Chapters and issued a dispensation for another.

He was forced to decline invitations to attend Grand Chapter meetings of Oklahoma and Oregon.

He issued several dispensations and decisions. He goes after the District Inspectors, saying:

"I believe that the District Inspectors should devote and concentrate their time and efforts on the weaker Chapters in the territory assigned to them. Each Inspector should give as much time and attention to any one Chapter as may be required to bring it up to efficiency.

"He should teach such a Chapter the ritualistic work, how to open a Lodge of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., as well as Chapter, and explain fully all of the steps, signs, grips and pass words of each degree; to fully explain and illustrate the proper manner and method of receiving and introducing Grand Chapter Officers; to so instruct the officers of the Chapters that they will carry on the business and ritualistic work of the Chapter in a dignified and efficient manner."

Under the head of "Instruction Committee," he says:

"I am astounded with the lack of knowledge displayed by the Companions generally, in reference to the ritualistic work, the pass words, grips and signs.

"Our Chapters, or this Grand Chapter, are probably the ones to blame for this condition of affairs.

"This Grand Chapter should enact a by-law, requiring each Chapter to have a posting committee of not less than three members; that such a committee be required to post each candidate on the obligation, steps, grips, signs and pass words of each degree prior to the candidate receiving the next degree."

He made several recommendations, and concluded his address.

Report of the Grand Secretary showed a membership, May 1, 1926, of 9,397; net gain, 477.

Pennsylvania was reviewed by Companion HENRY L. KENNAN, Official Reviewer.

He devotes a full page to Pennsylvania, which was very well presented, indeed.

He was entirely right that "ELI" did not receive the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Washington for the year 1925, and that is the reason that Washington was not mentioned in Pennsylvania's Proceedings for 1926.

Companion WILLIAM T. DRIPS, M. E. Grand High Priest, Montesano.

Companion HENRY L. KENNAN, R. E. Grand Secretary and Reviewer, Spokane.

E. E., Jr.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Parkersburg, on Monday and Tuesday, the 9th and 10th days of November, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454. Opening session on the 9th, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

M. E. Companion JAMES A. BRYAN, Grand High Priest, and his Grand Officers in their respective stations and places.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were on record as being present.

Eleven Committees—their chairmen and members—were recorded as being present.

Fourteen District Deputy Grand Lecturers showed their loyalty by being present.

Thirty-four Chapters out of a possible thirty-nine were represented by their High Priests, Kings, Scribes, or representatives.

The roll of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was called, but no one responded for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a model for completeness and brevity, as he has the happy faculty of saying much in a few words; witness the following, which is the second paragraph of his address:

"Masonry is marching onward and keeping step with the years as they pass, and its principles, founded upon righteousness, justice, truth, toleration, and brotherhood, are just as potent today as they have ever been in the past. We are living in the most wonderful

period of the world's history, and as we view the achievements of the past quarter of a century, we are amazed at the things which have come to pass, the progress and prosperity which surrounds us, and as we think on these things we sometimes wonder if we are not forgetful of the source from which these blessings come. Do we not sometimes forget God and His place in the affairs of men? I question if this is not the cause of the unrest prevailing today, the disregard of law and the laxity in enforcing the law, the crime waves which seem so prevalent, the contentions of capital and labor, the confusion existing among us with the fundamentalists, modernists, materialists, and socialists striving for the mastery, until we are constrained to cry out with the patriarch of old 'Oh that I knew where I might find him.'"

Does this not show that he had studied the speeches of Abraham Lincoln, particularly that at Gettysburg?

He made a number of appointments of Grand Representatives to represent the Grand Chapter of West Virginia in other Grand Chapters; also, to recommend the appointment of Companions to represent other Grand Chapters in the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

There was one paragraph in his printed address that could be well heeded by every subordinate Chapter in the United States, for there is a vast difference between the membership of Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters, which plainly shows that the York Rite is not receiving the attention its importance demands. It reads:

"On December 1, 1924, I addressed a communication to each High Priest of the several subordinate Chapters calling attention to the number of Master Masons reported by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia; also the number of Royal Arch Masons reported by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and suggested a field for activity among the Brethren. The report of the Grand Secretary at this Convention will disclose the effectiveness of this communication."

From his address, we learn that the Chapters are expected to pay 25c per member for the West Virginia Masonic Home,

which seems a very small assessment for so worthy an object.

He also speaks of the wide difference of fees charged by the various Chapters throughout the State, ranging from $20.00 to $50.00, and suggests that the minimum fee be fixed at $30.00. In the writer's opinion, the minimum should not be over $25.00, on the ground that the Chapters are now suffering for lack of petitions, and the higher the price, the less number will be received. There are many young men just starting life, who could afford $25.00, but could not and should not pay $50.00.

In speaking on the Council Degrees, he says:

"In looking over the addresses of our Grand High Priests for a number of years I find a thorough discussion and presentation of the different phases of the much mooted question as to the advisability of separating the Council degrees from the other Chapter degrees of this Grand Chapter. I cannot add anything to what has already been said, but I sometimes wonder if the two Grand Jurisdictions holding for keeping these degrees in the Chapter are right and the other forty-six Jurisdictions wrong. I hope the day will come when there will be no distinction of this kind existing. The one principal objection I have heard concerning the matter is that it will make a number of new offices to be filled, and that we can get along without them. My observation is, in twenty-five years of regular attendance upon this Grand Chapter, I have never witnessed any of the offices going begging."

The Grand Secretary's report showed a total membership of 12,068, a gain of 155 during the year.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion GEORGE M. FORD, is also the Foreign Correspondent, and gave Pennsylvania Grand Chapter a compliment by saying, "They do big things in a big way," and adds, "The Proceedings as compiled are quite different from those of other Jurisdictions."

His reference to the reviewer of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia is appreciated. Living in Pittsburgh, I have

always had a warm spot in my heart for West Virginia, its history and achievements, both Masonic and otherwise.

M. E. Companion ERNEST H. BITNER, Grand High Priest, Martinsburg.

R. E. Companion GEORGE M. FORD, Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent, Wheeling.

E. E., Jr.

WISCONSIN

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Due Form* in the Royal Arch Degree in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, corner of Van Buren and Oneida Streets, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday morning, February 16, 1926, at ten o'clock.

The address of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion HARRY P. DEBAUFER was of the usual character of such addresses, interesting to the Companions of Wisconsin, and, to a much less degree, the members of other Jurisdictions. The reviewer, therefore, brings forward those items that appear to him would increase inquiry and interest from the members of his own Jurisdiction.

In this address, he says:

"I understand also that in some of the Chapters of the State, slight, if any attention has been paid to posting. If this is so, it is a matter that should be remedied."

The word "posting" is not clear to the reviewer, but suppose it means to see that a candidate is proficient in or has a thorough knowledge of one degree before he receives the succeeding degree. If this is the correct interpretation of the word there can be no doubt as to the advisability of its being

remedied. This would be difficult to do when two degrees are conferred in the same evening.

He mentioned the names of Past Grand High Priests A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and CARL A. SUNDSTROM as having joined the immortals.

Pennsylvania was not listed in the roll of Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

The Grand Secretary's report showed a membership on January 1, 1926, of 24,427; net gain for the year 1925, 983.

The report of the Committee of Obituaries covered over four pages. It was an "In Memoriam" of two hundred and ninety Companions who passed within the vail and into the presence of the Grand Council of the Universe. It was a wonderful composition, poetically conceived and written in the most beautiful English, conveying to the reader the sublimity and uncertainty of life, and directing attention to a living God in a living world, and pointing out to its disciples that the only safety for the soul is in its movements towards the infinite and eternal God.

A report on the Order of De Molay occupied ten pages of the Proceedings, ending with:

"The Order of De Molay, Companions, deserves your whole-hearted support, morally, personally and financially. It is a work in which the results are a high reward. It can truly be considered, 'good work, true work, square work, such as is wanted for the building.' "

We still think it is not a part of Freemasonry.

The motion was not adopted that the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters shall not issue a receipt for dues to any Companion who has not been present at at least one regular communication of his Chapter during the year, without he has an excuse from the Grand Council of his Chapter.

Pennsylvania was reviewed in a page article of the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion THOMAS R. MUNDY, Grand High Priest, Dodgeville.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT, Reviewer.

E. E., Jr.

WYOMING

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Casper, Wyoming, on Thursday, July 9, A. D. 1925, at nine o'clock A. M.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Officers and representatives of the constituent Chapters, and reported a constitutional quorum present, all Grand Officers excepting the Grand Chaplain, and the representatives of fifteen of the seventeen Chapters answering.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. NEIL DAVID NELSON, after the traditional ceremonies pertaining thereto, declared the Grand Chapter open for business pursuant to adjournment, the Acting Grand Chaplain leading the devotional exercises.

Under the head of "Altar Lights," we reproduce from the Proceedings the following:

"M. E. Companion ROBERT I. TURNER directed the attention of the Grand High Priest to the display of the three Lesser Lights at the Altar and asked if it was customary to display them in Convocations of the Grand or constituent Chapters. The Grand High Priest stated that he was familiar with no section of the Grand Chapter By-Laws or decisions pertaining thereto, and requested the Grand Secretary to search the law and decisions of the General Grand Chapter for light thereon. Search having been made, a decision of

the General Grand High Priest, WILLIAM F. KUHN, was found to the effect that the Great Lights should be displayed in the manner as in the degree of Master Mason, but as this decision did not embrace the Lesser Lights, the Grand High Priest decided that the latter should remain displayed pending further search. The Grand Secretary, searching further, read a decision, approved by the General Grand Chapter in 1906, to the effect that the Three Great Lights in Masonry are the only requisites needed for display on the Altar, whereupon the Grand High Priest ordered the Lesser Lights removed."

Sir Knight FRANK E. HEPNER, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Wyoming, honored the Grand Chapter by his presence.

It is to be noted that the Grand bodies of Masonry in the Western States show more appreciation of a visit from a Grand Officer than we of the effete East do.

No Grand Representative answered for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, when the roll was called.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest was a resume of the work of the Grand Chapter for the Masonic year.

At the conclusion of the reading of the names of the dead of the year, Rev. PHILIP K. EDWARDS offered up this beautiful prayer:

"Almighty and ever living God, Divine Companion of all who seek to serve Thee, whose love follows us through all the vails of the mysteries of life and does not cease from us even when the falling of the vail of death separates us from the life of this world, we give Thee high praise and hearty thanks for the good examples of those, thy servants, our Brethren, who, having with faithfulness and true-heartedness fought the good fight, do now rest from their labors. We commemorate them before Thee. Grant to them, O Lord, the everlasting peace and joy of companionship with Thee.

"And to us who are still in our pilgrimage, grant, O Lord, such wisdom and understanding, such strength and loyalty, such beauty

of harmony and holiness, that our building may be acceptable in Thy sight, and that finally, in the land of light and joy, we may find fellowship with Thee and Thy faithful servants who have gone before.

"Grant this, O God, in the name of Him whom Thou did send to lead men to Thee, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Grand High Priest mentioned a number of inter-State courtesies in connection with other Grand Jurisdictions, constituted one new Chapter, and made a number of Grand Visitations to subordinate Chapters. In concluding his address, he said:

"May our aim be to secure quality, rather than number, for a dozen men firmly united in one sacred band can accomplish far more good for the noble cause for which we stand than hundreds of members who are indifferent and lukewarm."

The Grand Secretary's report showed a State membership of 2,143, a net gain of 15.

One of the most interesting articles in the Proceedings was the report of the "guild" in attendance at the Thirty-ninth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, Portland, Maine.

The Guild is now composed of Grand Secretaries, Grand Recorders and Reviewers of all Grand bodies. They are without the power of compulsory legislation, wielding great power, however, in the deliberations of the Craft.

President O'HARA, of Ohio, presided, and brought before the Guild such subjects as annual dues, affiliation on demits, advancing to the so-called higher degrees, after the expiration of a certain period, the right of Grand Lodge to enact the law.

The fourth subject to be presented by President O'HARA related to the attitude of the Masonic Orders towards

numerous organizations making symbolic Masonry a prerequisite for membership. This subject was referred to Secretary STOCKWELL for treatment.

Brother STOCKWELL is a forceful speaker, with always a thorough grasp of his subject. He opened the discussion by the statement that Grand Lodges are the only bodies which can speak authoritatively for Masonry in America. Various organizations were enumerated as having for their basis Masonic membership, and for which the Grand Lodges are not responsible, taking the position that sooner or later the Grand Lodges would be forced, for self-protection, to assert their Masonic authority by way of giving or withholding approval. Many present joined in the discussion, and a number of interesting features were brought out.

The above is a sample of the interesting and weighty subjects discussed at meetings of the Guild. It is unnecessary to point out the importance of recording officers and reviewers to hold membership and attend meetings of the Guild, or the resulting benefit that will flow to their respective Jurisdictions.

Masonic affairs seem to be drifting to a point when Grand Lodge will have to take drastic measures to retain the ancient spirit of the Fraternity.

The reviewing for Wyoming is in the hands of Companion RICHARD H. REPATH, who has ably reviewed the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters in and out of the General Grand Chapter, and his report occupies fully one-half of the printed pages of Wyoming Grand Chapter Proceedings. He very generously gave two full pages to Pennsylvania, and quoted Past Grand High Priest JOHN M. CORE on three different occasions, and compliments the writer better than he deserved.

Wyoming is a name interesting to all Pennsylvanians, on account of the early history of our country and State, and the Grand Chapter of Wyoming has endeared itself to the members of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania by its close adherence to the tenets of Freemasonry and its devotion to the York Rite.

Companion EDWARD D. EDWARDS, M. E. Grand High Priest, Lander, Wyoming.

Companion RICHARD H. REPATH, R. E. Grand Secretary and Reviewer, Cheyenne.

E. E., Jr.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	N. Frank Matter, Harrisburg
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Samuel W. Brown, Jr., Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Victor L. Clark, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Edward W. Roderick, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Robert H. Gilgore, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	Albert M. Baker, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Frederick P. Glasser, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	Charles L. Keister, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William S. Conwell, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Norman N. Mench, Altoona
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edwin C. McComb, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Thomas M. Sener, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Second Monday	Elmer C. Kasson, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Charles W. Clement, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	Geo. Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Arthur W. Gillan, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	First Friday	Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Charles S. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose

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181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk
182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	Allan C. Brooks, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	George H. Banes, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	Jacob A. Frantz, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	Joseph S. Waream, Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Frank T. Young, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	H. Walton Wood, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	Clinton W. Seymour, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tues.	Weber A. Arter, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tyoga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Second Monday	Harry E. Greager, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William W. Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix	1861	Phoenixville	Second Saturday	J. Harry Grover, Phoenixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Mon.	William H. Blouse, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	John A. Baker, Pocopson
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Second Thursday	Edward A. Lindsay, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Second Wednesday	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	George B. Johnston, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Victor Bucher, Pleasantville
208	Germantown	1866	Germant'n, Phila.	Third Monday	George W. Bardens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Sam'l C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Samuel E. Basehore, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Searl W. Holmes, Great Bend
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	F. Chester Moyer, Franklin

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212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Frank D. Pressler, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	First Monday	Arthur Davenport, Dorranceton
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Justin P. Slocum, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Friday	James R. Schmid, Bethlehem
217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Pittsburgh
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	Albert Rhodomoyer, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	Augustus B. Schabel, Ashland
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	First Tuesday	John K. Earnest, Ambler
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	First Wednesday	Norman C. Smith, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Second Wednesday	Alfred M. Wilson, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	Third Tuesday	Harry S. Hall, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila.	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	James L. Summerson, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	William Patterson, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Robert A. Smith, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	J. Harrison Campbell, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Harry F. Cogswell, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	First Monday	Wm. L. Koch, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Second Friday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	First Monday	Joshua S. Whitmore, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Tuesday	Jeremiah T. Fisher, Danville
240	Palestine.	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	Arthur H. Sloop, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	George H. Allen, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Fourth Tuesday	J. Eugene Doll, Abington
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Second Tuesday	Ward W. Welsh, Watsontown

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247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	Samuel Sigler, Philadelphia
251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Second Thursday	Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	J. William Johnson, Wrights
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	William E. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	J. Milton Lutz, Up. Darby Br., Philadelphia
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	John F. Lehman, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Joseph A. Grow, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	First Tuesday	Benj. S. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Clarence H. Handwork, Haverford
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Harry W. Nelson, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	Frank B. Fisler, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	Third Monday	Charles L. Gridley, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Charles W. Myers, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Albert S. Barr, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Friday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Second Tuesday	Walter M. Carwithen, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Irwin T. Warner, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Paul D. Clutton, Meyersdale

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273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	Ira H. Spencer, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	John S. Matchette, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	Jesse I. Penney, Ingram
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	David J. Griffiths, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Third Tuesday	Samuel G. Zimmerman, Connellsville
284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Frank H. Letterman, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Lewis Snodgrass, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Friday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	Andrew Ebenhoch, Belle Vernon
291	Ezra	1909	Bethlehem	First Friday	Samuel F. Keim, Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Peter N. Snyder, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Howell P. Williams, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Northampton	Third Tuesday	George H. Johnston, Coplay
296	Zebulun	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Harry A. Eberhart, Milton
299	Bellefield	1915	Pittsburgh	Third Tuesday	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis	1915	Coraopolis	Third Monday	W. Elmer Cain, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale	1915	Lansdale	Third Monday	Leroy K. Tyson, Lansdale

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302	Jordan	1916	Allentown	First Tuesday	Preston J. Everett, Allentown
303	Braddock's Field	1917	Braddock	First Monday	Oscar L. Grove, Braddock
304	Yorktown	1917	York	Second Thurs. after 1st Mon.	Harry K. Weiser, York
305	St. Clair	1920	Dormont	Second Thursday	Willard A. Laning, Pittsburgh
306	Homestead	1920	Homestead	Second Thursday	Samuel L. Himes, Homestead Park
307	Apollo	1920	Philadelphia	First Friday	William McCombs, Philadelphia
308	Ivanhoe	1921	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Wm. P. Wallace, Jr., Phila.
309	Thos. B. Anderson	1923	Latrobe	Third Friday	Samuel B. Reyburn, Latrobe
310	Hanover	1923	Hanover	Third Tuesday	Calvin J. Bange, Hanover
311	Wm. B. Meredith	1924	New Kensington	Third Friday	Dudley H. Anderson, New Kensington
312	Crafton	1926	Crafton	First Tuesday	David S. Taylor, Crafton

MARK LODGES

214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Ralph H. Weand, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior.	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1926.

No.	Name	Membership 1925	Marked	Admitted	Restored	Died	Resigned	Susp.	Ceased	Memb'r'p 1926
3	Jerusalem	1170	20	..	..	22	6	30	..	1132
21	Perseverance	637	14	1	14	9	..	1	1	655
43		470	9	..	..	9	3	7	..	460
52	Harmony	1304	16	2	1	49	7	4	..	1263
91	Columbia	1689	24	2	..	33	13	20	..	1649
150	Washington	434	17	..	2	5	2	4	..	442
152	Reading	296	3	..	5	6	1	5	..	292
159	Schuylkill	57	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	58
161	Union	246	9	..	..	1	2	..	..	252
162	Zerubbabel	1396	31	..	1	22	25	21	..	1360
163	Lafayette	367	6	..	..	9	4	1	..	359
164	Brownsville	251	6	..	1	1	1	..	..	256
165	Union	294	6	..	..	7	..	1	..	292
166	Mount Moriah	150	3	..	..	1	..	7	..	145
167	Eureka	326	..	..	..	7	3	1	..	315
169	Philadelphia	285	5	1	1	5	5	4	..	278
170	Delta	445	13	..	4	9	3	9	..	441
171	St. John's	196	6	..	1	8	..	3	..	192
172	Temple	148	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	146
173	Easton	632	30	..	2	9	1	8	..	646
174	Northumberland	249	5	..	..	3	1	1	..	249
175	Keystone	1035	21	3	..	27	6	18	..	1008

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176	George Washington	226	40	2	1	2	2	..	..	265
177	Tamaqua	134	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	133
178	Catawissa	85	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	85
179	Eureka	313	6	..	..	6	2	6	..	305
180	Warren	127	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	135
181	Lilly	235	4	..	..	4	2	..	..	233
182	Shekinah	1112	67	..	..	15	2	19	..	1143
183	Oriental	1672	40	3	3	37	10	28	..	1643
185	Lackawanna	884	24	..	1	13	2	10	..	884
186	Lewistown	160	5	1	..	2	..	..	..	164
187	Oriental	122	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	122
189	Mountain	629	10	..	..	15	..	5	..	619
190	Norristown	565	18	1	..	9	..	2	1	572
191	Solomon	233	18	..	..	2	..	..	..	249
192	Urania	547	25	..	..	6	1	3	..	562
193	Duquesne	1016	14	..	1	16	8	17	..	990
194	Tyoga	127	..	..	1	3	1	3	..	121
195	Portage	652	13	..	1	5	3	6	..	652
196	Mountain City	284	28	..	..	5	..	3	..	304
197	Weidle	294	8	..	2	5	..	6	..	293
198	Phoenix	296	16	..	..	8	2	..	..	302
199	Howell	456	27	..	..	6	..	1	..	476
200	Columbus	118	10	..	..	3	1	..	..	124
201	Standing Stone	147	9	..	..	4	..	..	..	152
202	Howell	293	11	..	..	5	3	1	..	295
203	Allen	714	8	..	5	10	4	9	..	704

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204	Anthony Wayne	224	9	1	1	4	..	..	..	231
205	Factoryville	158	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	157
206	Harmony	295	5	..	1	12	..	5	..	284
207	Aaron	127	9	1	..	4	..	1	..	132
208	Germantown	694	24	1	2	12	3	4	..	702
209	Samuel C. Perkins	92	5	..	..	4	1	1	..	91
210	Great Bend	70	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	75
211	Venango	309	8	..	..	5	1	5	..	306
212	Mound	242	14	..	2	2	1	..	..	255
214	Valley	134	11	..	..	1	1	1	..	142
215	Temple	606	20	..	..	10	3	3	..	610
216	Zinzendorf	272	9	..	..	3	1	3	..	274
217	Allegheny	933	7	1	1	15	..	..	1	926
218	Bloomsburg	149	3	..	1	1	1	5	..	146
219	Griscom	172	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	172
220	Fort Washington	149	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	159
221	Tremont	94	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	98
222	Lycoming	789	21	..	2	15	4	15	..	778
223	Oxford	188	10	..	..	6	..	5	..	187
224	Corinthian	205	13	..	..	5	..	..	..	213
225	Jefferson	342	9	..	..	6	1	..	..	344
226	Siloam	741	31	4	..	7	3	7	..	759
227	Emporium	115	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	111
228	Clearfield	386	13	..	..	5	4	..	..	390
230	Elk	260	3	1	2	5	1	8	..	252
232	St. John	671	21	..	1	16	6	..	..	671

233	Kensington	674	12	..	1	25	2	7	..	653
234	Media	221	14	1	..	4	3	8	..	221
235	Occidental	259	13	2	..	3	1	..	..	270
236	Oil City	289	11	..	1	3	5	1	..	292
237	Excelsior	624	11	2	..	16	4	1	..	616
238	Newport	103	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	104
239	Danville	126	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	131
240	Palestine	925	22	..	1	15	7	13	..	913
241	Bellefonte	244	10	..	..	4	..	3	..	247
242	Pittston	404	13	..	3	4	1	3	..	412
243	T. B. Freeman	1133	22	3	..	36	8	12	..	1102
244	Norman	349	10	1	..	7	..	6	..	347
245	Abington	341	6	8	..	4	..	6	..	345
246	Warrior Run	232	5	..	..	5	1	..	..	231
247	Orient	367	4	..	..	5	3	4	..	359
248	Temple	549	21	2	..	4	1	1	..	566
249	Monongahela	349	1	..	..	4	2	4	..	340
250	Corinthian	514	17	..	1	14	2	7	..	509
251	Signet	589	25	2	2	10	7	17	..	584
252	Mizpah	160	4	..	..	1	..	3	..	160
254	Arnold	63	4	..	..	1	..	2	..	64
255	Bedford	158	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	156
256	University	2249	29	5	4	30	15	42	..	2200
257	Shiloh	717	9	..	..	21	7	4	..	694
258	Chester	499	15	..	..	10	1	..	..	503
259	Eden	204	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	197
260	Bradford	284	13	..	6	9	1	8	..	285
261	Troy	136	5	..	..	2	4	..	..	135

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262	Montgomery	528	33	2	..	8	4	3	..	548
263	Coudersport	101	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	106
264	Shamokin	301	21	..	..	2	1	..	..	319
265	Westfield	82	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	84
266	Good Samaritan	214	10	1	..	3	1	..	..	221
267	Coatesville	333	5	1	1	3	..	2	..	335
268	Pittsburgh	737	18	1	10	12	5	12	..	737
269	Ulysses	64	..	1	..	1	2	3	..	59
270	Doylestown	262	11	..	..	4	..	..	..	269
271	Pottstown	396	11	..	..	4	..	3	..	400
272	Hebron	202	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	202
273	Butler	410	10	1	2	5	..	6	..	412
274	Bangor	160	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	159
275	Kennett	165	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	164
276	Susquehanna	91	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	90
277	Hazleton	282	2	1	..	3	..	2	..	280
278	Catasauqua	184	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	187
279	Kane	162	7	..	..	3	..	1	..	165
280	Cyrus	673	18	3	..	8	164	11	..	511
281	Monroe	199	6	..	..	2	2	..	..	201
282	McKeesport	912	21	..	1	13	..	6	..	915
283	Connellsville	308	17	..	..	3	1	10	..	311
284	Melita	1236	19	1	2	13	7	3	..	1235
285	Wilkinsburg	614	12	..	2	9	5	5	..	609
286	Bellevue	440	11	1	2	8	2	9	..	435
287	Nanticoke	55	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	54

288	Mizpeh	349	6	..	2	2	2	8	..	345
289	Valley	256	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	260
290	Monessen	307	8	..	1	1	1	..	..	314
291	Ezra	266	1	1	..	4	2	1	..	261
292	Slatington	126	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	126
293	Amity	233	6	..	..	3	..	14	..	222
294	Darius	162	3	..	1	..	1	1	..	164
295	Siegfried	217	19	..	..	1	..	1	..	234
296	Zebulun	100	3	..	..	2	..	2	..	99
297	Homewood	502	14	..	2	5	2	4	..	507
298	Milton	149	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	146
299	Bellefield	375	21	4	1	4	1	..	..	396
300	Coraopolis	220	10	..	..	2	2	..	..	226
301	Lansdale	245	12	..	..	3	..	..	..	254
302	Jordan	358	9	4	..	..	2	16	..	353
303	Braddock's Field	151	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	152
304	Yorktown	644	62	1	..	5	..	..	..	702
305	St. Clair	333	26	..	..	1	2	3	..	353
306	Homestead	183	5	..	3	..	2	6	..	183
307	Appollo	292	7	..	..	4	3	10	..	282
308	Ivanhoe	145	14	3	..	2	..	3	..	157
309	Thomas B. Anderson	115	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	119
310	Hanover	119	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	123
311	William B. Meredith	123	7	1	..	1	..	..	..	130
312	Crafton	...	86	205	..	..	..	..	..	291
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214	Girard	48	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	52
216	Excelsior	108	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	111
		156	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	163

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Year	First Grand Chief	Second Grand Chief	Third Grand Chief	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith				
1797	"	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBar. Duplessis
1798	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts
1825	"	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram Freeman	"	"
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Frederick Erringer	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	"	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	John M. Read	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"

	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	Wm. B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Cris. Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	Stockton Bates
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	"
1916	"	"	"	"	George B. Wells
1917	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	"	"
1918	"	"	"	"	"
1919	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	"
1920	"	"	"	"	"
1921	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	George P. Darrow	"	"
1922	"	"	"	"	"
1923	John M. Core	George P. Darrow	Walton K. Swetland	"	"
1924	"	"	"	"	Joseph E. Quinby
1925	George P. Darrow	Walton K. Swetland	August P. Kunzig	"	"
1926	"	"	"	"	"

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"I Will Be," or the Inexhaustible Name

Scarcely, after his forty years of enforced absence from the Egyptian court, would the Egyptian princess have recognized her protege—Moses—here in the Midian desert tending sheep for another.

There, true to the call of blood and to his mother's early training—both powerful pulls—he makes his momentous decision—turns from the lower though more pleasant path to the higher though more rugged one. And always there have been those, and always will be those, who, for the cause that needs assistance, have been willing to make the great sacrifice, and to take the straight and thorny way. And not for honor or reward, but because they could do no other without a dishonorable compromise with themselves. This human nature is not altogether selfish. God is never without witness in it.

Opportunities to distinction and power were open to this man Moses—in army, statesmanship, social prestige, learning—prospects that must have appealed to a regal nature like his; for, whatever be our standard for men, we must recognize in this man one of the foremost creative geniuses of all time—one who laid the foundation of a religion, created a nation, fixed the current of his race, and still prescribes to our modern civilization its highest ethical code.

But he made the great *refusal*—hearkened to the call of kindred blood, made his own the traditions drunk in at his mother's breast, submitted to the inner voice of God!

Strange irony of Providence that started him so close to the throne he was destined to shock; that he should come from the very heart of the system from which he was to set his people free!

He began badly. With that blend of caution and vehemence that characterizes his race still, he slew an Egyptian abusing one of his kind. It was the impulse of the moment

—like most acts of passion—unpremeditated, inspired not by inveterate cruelty, but by hasty, unwise zeal. Nevertheless, it was illegal, presumptuous, self-willed, and carried heavy penalty. Doing evil that good may come of it, never gets a righteous cause anywhere.

But his act involved a mixture of motives—resentment against injustice blended with love of a brother—and, with a character of such capabilities and high-mindedness, he needed but *self-control* to make him the consummate leader and the master of provoking circumstance.

He is forced to flee for his life; and in this Midian desert herding sheep, with its vast spaces and unbroken solitude, far from the madding crowd, he broods, till he becomes slow of speech, strange to people, satisfied that his ambitions are ended, himself a magnificent failure. He seems to have nourished no *further* hope of delivering Israel after that *first failure,* but to have settled down—a thoroughly *disillusioned* man—content to be Jethro's son-in-law, and his sheep-herd.

But God *makes* His weapons before He uses them; solitude is the mother-country of the strong; and the wilderness, with its savage crags, its awful silence, the unbroken horizon of its blue heavens, was a fitter place to meet and be fashioned by God than in the heavy air of a palace, or the conventional splendors of a court.

"Love had he found in huts where poor men lie,
His daily teachers had been woods and rills,
The silence that is in the starry sky,
The sleep that is among the lonely hills.

In him the savage virtues of the race,
Revenge, and all ferocious thoughts, were dead;
Nor did he change, but kept in lofty place
The wisdom which adversity had bred."

At last Moses is fashioned. He has had, not only the training his *Egyptian* environment had given him, but the tedious discipline of *inaction*, and the deepening process of *meditation*. He has learned *self-control*. He is now qualified to control *others*.

There comes to him from the burning bush a call to try it again. Providence is always giving us *another* chance. He never takes *snap*-judgments on us. He *believes* in us—yes, even when we have ceased to believe in ourselves! The way is ever kept open.

But strange to say—though some of us can appreciate it—the opportunity Moses had forced in his early life he now would *shun*. Some of us can appreciate that, because he is now a much *older* man; and there comes a time to us when we no longer cherish new adventures and enterprises —we are willing that *younger* people put on the armour!

So Moses does not *welcome* the old task brought back—he shifts and hesitates. The years have made him over cautious. He makes excuses after excuses—his own inability, the unbelief of his people, Pharaoh's opposition—these he pleads as insurmountable!

Now, in the text, God is *replying* to Moses' objections—"Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you, and they shall say unto me, What is His name? What shall I say unto them"?

"What is His *name?*"—to us that question is superfluous; for monotheism has so gone into the blood of our faith; we are so logically sound in the conclusion that in a *universe* that is one the *creative power* of it must be one, that it is difficult for us to re-think with the primitive mind, which personified each fundamental virtue, each force of nature, into a distinctive god.

Moses was *familiar* with this; therefore, when a god chose a people and called them his own, it was a natural

question to ask—"Which *one?* What is his *name?* How am I to *distinguish* him?"

Now, you know that, in antiquity, the name occupied a place of first importance. The name was a part of the *personality.* It *summed up* the personality. It *fitted* that person as it would no other.

In Egypt—in the thought of which Moses had been educated—nothing that was without a name was believed to exist—*i. e.*—whatever was named existed by virtue of the *name* given it. The name was an essential part of the individuality, both of gods and men. The *loss* of the name involved the loss of personality and independence. Hence the Egyptians wrote their names on scarabs—their symbol of endless life—thinking thereby to perpetuate their own personality.

The gods *themselves* were subject to this fatality of the name.

Now, inasmuch as the personality was thought to be embodied in the name, to get *posesssion* of another's name was to get, in some degree, the *person* in your power. In consequence, *precautions* were frequently taken to keep one's name a *secret.*

A primitive tribe in Guiana *retains* this primitive idea, for no one goes by his *real* name. He *alone* knows it, and goes by another. Thus he seeks to keep from others all power over his personality and independence.

The same idea applied primitively to *deity.* Knowledge of your god's name conferred upon you a certain *power* over him. By merely repeating his name, you could bring *pressure* to bear upon him. As has been said—much of the development in the meaning of *prayer* lies in this passing from the old idea of a *spell* cast upon deity by magically repeating his name, to that, not of *imposing* one's will upon God, but of *ascertaining* His will, and of schooling oneself to will in harmony with it.

Moses then, in consonance with the thought of his time, appreciates the importance of knowing the *name* of this God, who is commissioning him from the holy bush.

Now, the translation—"I am that I am"—conveys altogether a *wrong* idea.

It is usually understood to express pure being, self-existence, existence that is underived, that has no beginning and can have no end; existence, the source of which is within *itself*.

But that was altogether too *metaphysical* for the Hebrew mind, especially for those Hebrews to whom *Moses* was sent.

The Hebrew mind was never *metaphysical*—the Greek mind was—the Hebrew mind was concrete, *practical* rather than *speculative*. It was interested in existence, not as an *abstract thought* but as a reality to be proceeded upon. *Academic* questions did not concern him—they did the Greek.

Everything considered, the name for deity here is better translated by our verb *"to become,"* than by our verb *"to be."* That is—by the *future* tense, rather than by the *present*. Consequently the best Hebrew scholars translate this self-given name of Jehovah, not "I Am That I Am," but, "I Will Be What I Will Be."

You will perceive an elusive vagueness in this; but really that is its beauty and value.

If God says—"I will be what I will be"—the question arises—"*What* will He be?" For Moses there is no answer —*yet!*

But, as I have said, therein lies the *richness* of this name of deity; for when you begin to *define* you begin to *limit*. God *refuses* to define His name, and consequently to limit it, thereby suggesting that what He is is something inexhausti-

ble, but which man learns, bit by bit, as he goes on, and as he needs; but which he cannot know until the occasion *comes*, the need *arrives;* then God will be to him just *that.* Hence the name signifies as a whole that Jehovah is the God of progressive Revelation.

"I will be *what* I will be"—be *what?*" "Moses, you will *discover* what, but not until the need comes; you will need *much*, Moses, in this adventure you are starting upon—courage, hope, faith, wisdom, patience—well, when the time comes for it, you will discover that I will be *that* to you; but you cannot realize that until the occasion *arrives*—"I will be what I *will* be!"

So, here you have a name of God that is capable of indefinite *expansion*—an empty one, as it were, but which man can fill in according as his circumstances need; and God pledges Himself to be *that* to him. What God's name will be or mean to us in the future, only the future can bring out.

Now, we may say that the whole history of Israel was engaged in discovering and in *filling in* the meaning of this indefinite name God gave of Himself to Moses. The religious *development* of Israel is virtually a development in the *idea of God.* As God was the only force in the world, particularly in human history, when a crisis occurred in its history some *new* conception of God had to be called in to explain it. A new *name* was given Him. Thus, *what* "I will be" meant, was increasingly learned through their *history.*

First of all, God comes and delivers them from bondage.

That gave them their *first* opportunity of discovering what this indefinite name of God contained in it.

Never through their long history did they *forget* that act of deliverance, and the *name of God* it suggested.

They never forgot to look back to that event with humiliation and gratitude — humiliation that they had been

crushed into servitude; gratitude that God had emancipated them.

They instituted a festival—the Passover—in commemoration of it; and for over three thousand years they have never failed annually to observe it. There is nothing like that in history. By means of that emancipation they learned *one* thing that God's name—"I will be"—involved—*Deliverer!*

Next, God brought them into the wilderness. There He made a *covenant* with them—that He would be their national God, and that they would be His people. That covenant accounts greatly for Israel's religion being distinctively a *moral* religion—as others were *not!*

Other peoples claimed to be *physically* descended from some god or gods, to whom they consequently belonged by *natural compulsion.* But Israel was always conscious that its God did not belong to them, or they to Him, by any such physical *necessity.* He had *chosen* them; they with equal freedom of choice, had *chosen Him.* Thus a *moral* element gets into Israel's religion superior to all contemporary ones. Their relation to their deity, His to them, was an optional one; and it is this *freedom of choice* that gives any act or relationship its moral content.

So, there at Sinai, Israel learned one *more* thing the name of their God contained—"I will be"—what? A *moral* God.

They came to Canaan. As they rose in power, their history grew in variety; and with it, the meaning and resourcefulness of their God. They were learning what this—"I will be"—meant. God was revealing it as the incidents of their history, w h e t h e r of growth or of judgment, evoked it.

Now, you know that history has been a main medium through which God has revealed Himself. Revelation has been a process in history.

It is not *tenable* that revelation is the dictation to man of certain beliefs and truths in which he acted but as a passive receiver. It resulted from the *interaction* of the divine and the human factors. All knowledge has come by means of human experience—*from* God, but *through* human experience! Hence, history, which is human experience in the large, has been the large medium through which God has revealed his nature and purpose. *Israel's* history *specially* so. Why? Because that has been Israel's genius.

Other peoples have had genius in other *lines*—no less God-given, God-chosen—given and chosen to make *other* necessary contributions to the race.

As God worked with Israel, the people *watched* God's working in their history; and thereby they came to know His nature and will.

At length this religious passion of the nation begat, brought forth, and became concentrated in, a few great *personalities,* who intensified it to the *n*th degree. These were the *prophets*—a class of people the like of which no nation has ever produced—religious *geniuses!* To them was given such spiritual insight, they could interpret to the nation, as it could not for itself, the significance of its history.

It is quite apparent that a nation as a whole is too crude, too mixed, to be the vehicle of the finest things. No matter whether it be invention, discovery, business enterprise, science, literature, art, the big things, the superlative things, do not come to us through the *mass;* they come through the *individual.* Always it is the *individual* who is ahead of the times, and interprets, mediates, the best to the many. Always the *individual* who is initiator, leader, interpreter!

So in religion and revelation. These prophets were "seers." They could see the kernel through the husk; detect the spiritual forces at work behind the material veil; look

at God from different angles. And what they saw, they drove home into the conscience of the nation with the trip-hammer insistence of an irreducible conviction.

Thus, with revelation coming through their history, and that history interpreted by these God-intoxicated seers, Israel grew into the knowledge of what God's name means to man—what "I will be" had so vaguely promised! You reach that prophetic religion, which is the greatest achievement of the Hebrew people, its most valuable contribution to mankind. I mean—discovering through its natural history, interpreted by its spiritual geniuses, what the name of God conceals, yet *reveals* Him to be to man as the circumstances of man, be they fair or foul, may chance to need.

Let me particularize!

There came *Amos*—the first of the great prophets! He came at a time when the people were prosperous, sensual, fat as Jeshuran's ox. But there was no *justice* in the land. The people were saying over and over—"Some day God is going to do something terrible to the surrounding nations that will *vindicate* us, whether we be right or wrong." "No," said Amos. "God is not going to vindicate *you*, if you are wrong; He is going to vindicate *Himself*—Himself, even though the nation must be *sacrificed* to the vindication—"you only have I known of all the families of the earth, therefore will I visit upon you all your iniquities"; "to whom much is given, of them much will be required." So, *justice* is the quality with which Amos fills in this one-time so vague name of God.

But justice can never be the *full* name of deity. Man needs a God who is something *more;* "for, in the course of justice none of us should see salvation; we do pray for mercy."

So God sends *Hosea.* Broken-hearted by the tragedy that wrecked his home, he got insight into *another* side of God. This love of his for a wilful wife, rising above injury and

contempt, suggested to him love in *God*—a love neither won by our merit, nor forfeited by our demerit. "Yes," preaches Hosea, "God is *mercy* too; not more Judge than *Advocate.*" How that enlarged and enriched the name of God!

Then comes *Isaiah.* This orator among the prophets, in an hour of "fine frenzy," sees God sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, while angel choirs sing their antiphonal song of "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"; and he goes hence to sear into the conscience of his time the message that God's name is Holiness.

Then comes *Jeremiah*—the most beautiful, sensitive soul of them all! He transforms the very conception of religion, until it becomes, not a covenant between God and the nation, but a relation between God and the *individual*—a *personal* fellowship with the personal God. God's name meant to him the Intimate God.

Then came *Ezekiel.* To him God was the All-Sovereign, who makes the whole course of history subservient to His purpose.

Then the *second* Isaiah—sweet, tender, human, with his message that God suffers in and bears the sins of man as if they were His very own.

Then *Jonah*—uttering his thoughts in one of the finest poems of the world! A very *narrow*-minded individual, but who came to see, after some rather rough handling, that the *whole race* is within the benevolent purpose of God; that the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; that is is universal, impartial, and follows us all the way!

Thus we might go on from prophet to prophet, watching how gradually God's name was being filled out; what that "I will be" involved; until in the end we get a conception of what God *fully* pledges, by His name, to be to mankind

—a conception of Deity without parallel in the annals of time!

Was there anything *more* with which to enrich it? Yes! because it is only *personality* that can fully reveal personality; and there may be considerable difference between a *description* of a person and the person *himself*.

Hence, God having said "I will be"; and having evolved, through Israel's history and her prophets, some of the meaning involved therein, in the fulness of time sends forth something *new*, and says—"I will be—*Jesus*"!

He comes to us in Jesus, translating, not *ideas* of Himself, but *Himself*. The speech of eternity gets into the speech of time. Eternal *thought* becomes a *person in history*. The ideal becomes reality. Here we have no longer God *described* to us, but, "He that sees Me, *sees* the Father." The Old Testament *tells* us about God; the New Testament *shows* Him to us—in a Person!

Now is the name of God fully interpreted, complete; for, no longer merely in vague ideal, in historic movements, in printed type, but in One, bone of our bone, temptation of our temptation, we come to see God face to face, in the very *act* of reclaiming the world to Himself.

What the future has in store for us of marvel or surprise we cannot foresay. That is but to say that occasion may come when God's name will need to mean something to us that previously had been impossible. The occasion will *specialize* something in Him to us. The occasion will call out something *new* to us in that "I will be"!

Ahead of us may be darker days than we have ever known—we shall need light!

There may come days of anxiety, when we shall be nervously on edge, restless, apprehensive of some impending shadow—we shall need poise, self-control!

Days when the heart is empty, lonely, bruised—we shall need healing!

Days when nothing seems worth while, and we shall be ready to quit, to dip our flag—we shall need courage!

Perchance a day when that for which we have striven long will be seen to pass beyond our grasp—we shall need hope.

Perchance an hour when some slumbering passion awakes, and our tempted soul, lest it corrupt itself, cry out—"keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sin"—we shall need strength!

And then yonder, lying awaiting, "the valley of the shadow"—life leads us through *many* a valley of the shadow—but yon is the *last;* and we shall take it *alone*—what then shall we need? The Great Companion.

In all these experiences God will be able to use the old name, but with a *new significance,* each fresh experience calling out precisely what we *need* from its resourceful greatness and exhaustless love.

There then before you lies the text, with its vague name of God—a name which, like a *blank check,* God has signed, leaving it to you to fill in as your circumstance shall need, pledged to honor it, with His—"I will be———*That*"!

Possible Conditions of a Future Life

I John 3, 2—"It doth not yet appear what we shall be."

I am to speak this morning on a subject concerning which I cannot say that I know anything.

And yet, it is quite a permissible subject; for though we know so little about it—if indeed anything—we doubtless think about it often, and it is felt to concern us all.

The mind does not cease to work at the point where it ceases to know. We stand at the point where we cease to know, and then the mind projects itself beyond, into the realm of speculation and wonder. That makes progress possible.

We surmise, we suspect; and often these surmisings, speculations, become as real to us, as valid grounds for shaping action, as the things about which we may say "we know."

This is the realm of faith; and the larger part of life is walked by faith.

Faith is our certainty of realities that exceeds what we know, yet in which we put our trust, and upon which we act, because of the things we do know. Faith is a reasonable probability; and most of our life is actuated by reasonable probability. It is in that realm our subject, this morning, lies.

Our subject is—Some possible conditions of a future life.

Revelation stops just this side of our subject.

Concerning conditions of a future life, what it will be, revelation tells us practically nothing. It contents itself, in the main, with telling us only that immortality is, and the way to it. But, where? what?—eye hath not seen, ear heard, or the mind of man given to know.

But, where revelation stops on any subject our thinking does not stop. We deduce inferences from revelation.

So, where revelation stops on the subject of immortality, we are given reason, desires, intuitions, which may well be depended on to furnish inklings concerning possible conditions of this future life.

The main thing is—are our reasonings from what we know about this present life; from what revelation says of immortality in a general way, sane, logically consistent?

We are not at liberty to indulge in every fancy as to what the future life is. In projecting our thoughts into the life to come we must stand upon such facts as revelation gives us, and upon the laws and facts of this present life, as we know them.

I do not propose this morning to raise the question as to whether there is a future life; I assume it. I asume it because that is practically settled for most of us. I wish only to suggest to you what seem to me to be some possible conditions, rational conditions, of that future life, assuming it to be a reality.

You will bear in mind that I do not pretend to know; I am but speculating; but, to myself at least, speculating reasonably, and therefore permissibly.

Let me interject two things here!

First—The fact that men like Lodge in natural science; James in psychology; Lotze in philosophy; Osler in medicine; Fisk in evolutionary science; Flammarion in astronomy, entertain this belief, and have written the grounds of their belief, suggests that so far nothing is known in any department of knowledge to prevent any thoughtful man from entertaining a reasonable hope of life to come. Indeed, Fisk calls the denial of it the most colossal instance of baseless assumption known.

Second—The fact of immortality does not depend upon the acceptance or rejection of any ideas or theories ever

believed by man concerning what its nature may be. People may have an aversion to some of the old ways of conceiving it; but this by no means touches the fact of it. No truth depends for its reality upon the acceptance of certain theories of it.

Every form of thought in which man has conceived the future life may be false, without at all invalidating the reality of a future life. It may be very unlike what we speculate concerning it. And yet, we must go on speculating, because it concerns us all. Surely it is permissible to prophesy, to speculate, concerning what is inevitable; and our future life is inevitable. Some of us are nearer to it than to our birth. Our exit is nearer than our entrance. We may be near enough to be groping about to find the knob of the door of exit.

We have all lost friends—"lost"—speaking after the common manner; and some day you and I will be one of those "lost friends." Others will speak of us as such.

We ask—"Where are they? What kind of lives are they living? What do they do? Do they remember us? Are they interested in our present experiences? Are they able to help us? Is their happiness destroyed or lessened by a consciousness of our sometime unhappiness?" These, and many other like questions, who of us but has asked?

Out, then, into this speculative realm let us go; yet, all the while standing upon the facts and laws of this life, and of revelation, as we know them.

First—As to the where of our future life!

We still talk of "up" and of "down" without realizing what little meaning these words have in reality. Up is only away from the centre of the earth; down is only towards the centre of the earth; and neither has any meaning as related to the space that surrounds the earth on every hand. What is the up at one time during the twenty-four hours

is the down at another. So, there is no up in which we can locate heaven; no down in which we can locate hell.

Where, then, have our friends gone?

I can see no reason for what is often called "man's long journey." Why a journey at all?

Where, then, do the departed go? Why believe that they go away at all—beyond going out of sight. Things do not necessarily "go away" because they go out of sight. The earth does not "go away" each time one winks.
Milton says—

"Millions of spiritual beings walk the earth,
"Unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep."

I know that does not prove it; it only suggests that, to a reputedly profound mind, the thing seemed reasonable.

There is nothing to make the belief that it is so unsane.

My own belief is that this spirit-world interspheres, wraps this planet around like an atmosphere. I have never yet read anything to make it appear unreasonable, in the nature of things, that the spirit-world should fold this world around; that the dead should be close beside us.

"There sometimes comes to soul and sense
"A feeling that is evidence—
"That very near about us lies
"The realm of spiritual mysteries."

So wrote Whittier!
There are reasons why it should be so.

Of course, I am not dogmatizing; I am only affirming what seems reasonable to me now.

Why do we not see them?

If there be anything we need cautioning against it is this of being fooled by our eyes and ears.

We take so easily for granted that a thing does not, cannot exist, because it does not report itself to one of our five senses.

But we know that it is only the smallest fragment of reality we can see or hear.

We never see the real cause of anything—the power that energises behind the veil of gross matter! Who ever has seen the potent forces that move and control the visible universe? Who ever has seen a human being in his very self? Gravitation—who has ever seen it? Life—who ever has seen it? We live in two worlds:—the seen and the unseen—not divided from each other by space, but by a difference in mode.

Waves of light above or below a certain length or speed move too rapidly or too slowly to make any impression on the optic nerve. Their colors are entirely invisible to us.

Thus objects innumerable may exist in our very midst—beings and colors of whose presence, though close to us, we are not conscious, because our visual organs are not sufficiently subtle to behold them.

Ants see distinctly the ultra-violet rays of the spectrum, which make no impression on the human eye.

They behold a world of surpassing splendor to which, though close to us, we are blind.

So with sounds. Beyond a limit of speed in sound waves —too slow, or too rapid—the human ear hears nothing, though millions of waves, with their message, are sweeping past without intermission. The very atmosphere may be a vast library, on whose pages is registered unceasingly all that man has ever whispered or said, yet which he cannot read. What a world this unseen one is! Therein myriads of beings may exist imperceptible to our vision, though amongst them. This "muddy vesture of decay doth grossly

close us in; we cannot hear" or see them. Inhabiting this same globe, yet unseen!

The wonders of Paradise may be in our midst, the songs of the celestial host filling our air, yet all unheard, all unseen!

I am quite of the belief that it is thus with our dead. They simply pass into the unseen—not away, just out of sight; not to a realm beyond the clouds, but into a mode of existence that our physical senses cannot perceive; not translated to some far away world, but to one of a different mode of life, of a higher plane of being—from the material to the spiritual, all about us but unseen! A cloud receives them out of sight—yes, just out of sight; but the cloud is upon us, a veil between! Possible—this is all I wish to affirm; and this, my own belief, I can find nothing to disprove or make unreasonable!

Does death make a radical change in people? Are they "real folks"?

I am aware of what I was early taught and used to think about it:—that the moment one dies he is either an angel—or the opposite—all at once; that, if I could only get into heaven, by hook or by crook, though the least qualified, I should be just as well off as any apostle or saint; and this, by the mere act of dying, which would work some instantaneous and mysterious transformation and sanctification of me.

I cannot now believe it. I can find nothing in reason or in revelation for such a belief. What do we know about death; what has revelation told us about it, to justify the belief that it is the full and final cleanser and perfecter of the soul; that it radically alters the taste, tendency, inner nature, character of one? Certainly there is no analogy for it; for man is transformed by spiritual force—by the grace of God—acting within him, not by any force

acting arbitrarily and inevitably upon him from without. And death is an outer thing—a physical!

Personally, I expect to take my life up, after the death-passage from the seen into the unseen, about where I left it down. I slept last night; I waked this morning the same, though refreshed and renewed. I expect to fall into the swoon of death—there may be even no swoon—pass through it, and awake about the same person I was five minutes before.

But permit me to make this one observation—nay, two!

First—Death will likely usher us into a better environment—into one more favorable to growth and well-being. I expect it to give me a better chance to be what, in my better moments, I should like to be.

Second—Doubtless, many of the suggestions to temptation in this life come from our physical side.

Sin is not of the body, I know; it is of the soul, the will; nevertheless, many sugegstions to temptation come from the body. There are people to whom it is one constant nag. In death, the body will be dropped; and what a relief, what an emancipation that will be to many!

These two changes are about the only ones I can think of reasonably that death effects for the better.

However that may be, of this I am persuaded:—that we are justified in thinking of the future life as just as real, as natural, as this present life.

This would be apparent were we to remember steadily that the enduring things, the real things, are the invisible, the intangible things. It is these—call them spiritual—that are the "hard facts"; yes, the things that make what we call the material things possible.

It is now thoroughly proven that material things are the direct creation and manifestation of invisible forces—

forces that we have no means of seeing, yet which create and uncreate everything material we do see and touch. A man is a long way behind the times, who, today, thinks that matter is the ultimate reality. The great physicists have no doubt about it. They affirm that if there be any doubt, there is none concerning whether the unseen things be the real, the creative, the mighty, the permanent. Hence my belief—I think a rational one—that those who go from us into the unseen, enter a more real, more intense life than we have ever dreamed of here—the real world!

Another matter of interest:—some have said to me that they cannot imagine their deceased friends near enough to know what goes on here, since it would disturb their happiness.

Well, for myself I do not feel able to appreciate the kind of friendship that would be content to purchase happiness at the price of forgetting me—my circumstances, my needs! I cannot understand the kind of love that would prefer to be absorbed in a bliss away off somewhere rather than to know any of the sufferings, trials their former loved ones are passing through. Such is neither the love nor the heavenly glory of Christ; for surely He remembers our temptations and trials; and such remembrance does not detract from, is not incompatible with, His glory and happiness.

"Our Fellow-sufferer yet retains
"A fellow-feeling of our pains;
"He sympathizes with our grief,
"And to the sufferer sends relief."

Then, why not those too who have entered with Him into glory, into His happiness? Perhaps their greatest happiness is that they can and do. That would be the most Christ-like sort of happiness and glory. It is difficult to realize their Christ-likeness, or that they continue to be themselves, if they have forgotten how they left their war-

fare here unfinished to us who are still fighting on the field.

This can be approached from another point of view. If this life be the beginning, the school-time from which death graduates us into a higher form—death, our "Commencement Day"—if our friends have entered upon it, and are now able to survey the experiences we are now going through, why, it seems to me most natural that they should estimate our experiences from a higher and truer point of view; should know that they are wholly educational, developing in us soul-life thereby—character—and consequently feel less badly at seeing us tried as we are. Why not?

Probably they would not take us out of these experiences if they could, because they see with clearer eyes than ours that our difficulties and afflictions are needed to fit us for the higher life they now live. That would reconcile them to our trials.

I see a child crying over his lessons. I will help him if I can; but, not even to save him from his tears will I take away from him his lessons. I am sorry for his distress; but, standing on my higher mental level, I know he ought to go through them at any cost, for his own good. And so I do not sorrow over him as if I had no hope.

Why then need the heaven of our friends be destroyed or lessened by knowing our experiences? They know, with clearer vision, that our afflictions are working out for us a far more and exceeding weight of glory; that they are making us more sympathetic, patient, strong. Like Christ, they sympathize with us; but they know our trials are temporary, and will bring us out, at length, pure gold. For, as gold is tried by fire, this human heart is purged by pain.

Another question:—what do the dead do?

I know not; I tell you only what I think is rational, easy to me to believe.

On passing through this transformation we call death, we leave behind us our physical qualities, physical senses; but we attach to the soul—what? Love for truth, sympathy with those that need and can be helped, love for beauty, love for others. These, if anything be true about immortality, are untouched by death—untouched, just as acid cannot touch gold; hence, no reason why these soul-qualities should not go on expanding, serving, in all those directions in which we have begun to develop and train them here. I expect to go on expandingly, purifyingly, liking all the better things I like now, but seeing them no longer as in a glass darkly, but in a new light—"a light that never was on sea or land"—perchance a more perfect civilization, in which God's will is perfectly done; that perfect civilization of which this is but the hint, the prophecy; a civilization whose spirit is perfect, in which personal freedom and brotherly love prevail. So runs my dream. Does it seem absurd?

If to the grub—destined to become a beautiful moth—there might come a vision of the beautiful thing that would emerge from it at a certain stage of its development, it would seemed to it absurd.

We are accustomed, in precisely the same absurd way, to limit the possibilities of us, because of the kind of faculties we bring into play here and now. But I can find nothing irrational in dreaming of a life of activity, progress, discovery, in which all social joys will find their freest play, and in which are "many mansions" of God for further education, usefulness, joys. I refuse to limit my capacities to the five senses that now bound me and bind me, however useful they may be to me in this present environment. It may all seem absurd to my five senses; it is not absurd to my higher mind and soul.

What we shall enter upon there will be determined by our measure of preparation for it while here.

That is so rational it should give us pause.

Take a South African savage, untutored in our civilization, ignorant of and with no taste for its finer things, and compel him to live in it—would he be comfortable and happy? It would be hell to him. His very bettered environment would be his undoing—no fitness, no taste for it in him!

Take a man who has neglected the cultivation of his higher faculties, his "better part"; who has lived mainly for the things of time and sense, whose god is material success, whose sole interest is self—now disrobe him of the material, as death will; send him into a world of spirit, whose ideals, joys, pursuits pertain to the spiritual, and where only the nobler things we are capable of rising to have recognition and use—would he feel at home? The things he had loved, sought, are now left behind him—heaven itself would be his undoing. Heaven itself cannot make an unfit and undeveloped soul happy like a prepared one. Every law of life here we know; every law of mind we know, compels us to believe there is nothing arbitrary in this world or in any other; that there must be a natural unfolding of all things that grow; that one's happiness—as everything else—is measured by one's capacity for it, both in quantity and in quality, all of which confirming the last word of revelation on the subject—that "he that is unclean shall be unclean still" yonder, while "he that is righteous will be righteous still" yonder!

One other thing!

I see no necessity of making a division in space between good people and bad in the next world—that is—between heaven and hell! There may be but one place—no space-chasm of separation between. It is not necessary.

Two people here, sitting side by side—one may be in heaven, the other in hell! Between them what a great gulf,

but not a gulf of distance, of space. Oh, it is not the space between us that makes heaven or hell. It is all within—in our characters, in ourselves! *There* is our heaven or our hell. And each goes, at death, to what he *is*.

I have mainly speculated this morning, but have tried to speculate reasonably, and to follow analogy. What I have said has not been without foundation.

Let me add this in closing—which is not speculation.

A traveler in England tells us that, uncertain of his way, he asked a small boy where Birmingham was, and received —so he remarks—the most significant answer ever given him. "I do not know, sir," said the lad, "where Birmingham is, but there is the road to it; take it, and you will get there"!

Where is the future life? What is it? We do not know.

> "Eye hath not seen it, my gentle boy;
> "Ear hath not heard its deep sounds of joy."

"But there is the way." "I am the way," says the Christ.

It lies right at the feet of each one of us—just there where you sit! It runs past every one's door. Take it; and across all the uncertainties of the years, and amid the final shadow that will one day fall upon us all, you will hear a voice—"Follow Me, and you will find it"!

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